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BERLIN RECEIVES ANOTHER PROTEST

FIFTH U-BOAT BELIEVED SUNK BY DESTROYERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The destruction of at least four U-Boats—the best bag of the war—is Britain's reply to Nazi threats.

News of the Navy's excellent work has been received enthusiastically in London.

Morning newspapers publish pictures of U-Boat survivors arriving under military escort, leading to the belief that a fifth U-Boat has been destroyed nearer home, since no mention was made of survivors in the Admiralty announcement of the earlier sinkings.

The "Daily Herald" interprets Germany's announcement of unrestricted warfare on neutral shipping as evidence of the extension of Hitler's megalomania.

"He thinks himself entitled to issue decrees backed by threats, not only to apply to German people, but to the peoples of the whole world."

Retribution For Murderers

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Bergen "Aftenblad", a U-boat blew up and sank, apparently as the result of action by a British destroyer, before it could fire a torpedo which was intended to sink a Norwegian vessel.

The crew of the Norwegian ship and 33 survivors of the Norwegian motor-vessel Snesstad, whom they had rescued, had already taken to boats but when the submarine sank they returned aboard and brought the ship safely to Bergen to-day.

Formosa Had Raid Jitters

Japanese Planes Were Mistaken For Chinese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIHOKE, Feb. 15 (Domei).—The Formosan Garrison reveals that a state of alarm was caused by six Japanese army planes which were thought for a while to be hostile craft.

The announcement by the Formosan Garrison headquarters states: "Air raid alarms were sounded in northern Formosa on Tuesday upon receipt of a report that six planes of unknown nationality were approaching the island. Later it became known that the machines were Japanese army planes aloft on a training flight which had changed their plan of flight due to weather conditions. Reassurances were thereupon given and the state of alarm lifted."

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Shudh Cabinet has resigned. It has had no majority in the Assembly since the Hindu party withdrew its support.

BRITAIN TO CALL UP ANOTHER 200,000 MEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—It is officially learned that all the aged 23 will be called up next Saturday.

The total is approximately 250,000 but this number is expected to be reduced to 200,000 by the exemption of those in reserved occupations.

Men of 23 years of age will be the first of five classes which are liable to be called up this year. It is expected that those aged 27 will be called up about November.

It is officially stated that the army has risen from 600,000 to over 1,200,000 during the year ending January 31.

Roosevelt May Meet European Leaders Secret Cruise In U.S. Destroyer

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Considerable speculation has been aroused here by a cryptic remark made by President Roosevelt to newspaper representatives prior to his leaving for a holiday cruise in the cruiser Tuscaloosa.

President Roosevelt said it might be fair to assume that his sea trip would combine business with his holiday.

Speculation arose because President Roosevelt did not choose to deny a question put to him as to whether there was a possibility that he would make contact with British, French and Italian authorities during his cruise.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that the President might extend his cruise to a region where the neutrality patrol vessels are keeping watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

LABOUR SUPPORT FOR FINLAND

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—When the British Labour delegation, which had been visiting Finland, described its impressions before a meeting of the National Council of Labour here on Wednesday, it was decided to launch an appeal for funds for Finland.

The delegation paid warm tributes to the courage, energy and high spirits of the Finns and said that they were impressed by the military and political level attained and by the people's attachment to the principles of democracy.

The delegation stressed that the Finns were in urgent need of armaments, especially heavy guns and planes.

The information and impressions which they obtained will be placed before the British Government.

THE HAGUE, FEB. 15 (REUTER).—IT IS LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A SERIOUS VERBAL PROTEST TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, PENDING THE DISPATCH OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, CONCERNING THE TORPEDOING OF THE STEAMER, BURGERDIJK.

It is understood that the Netherlands will demand full compensation.

It is stated in authoritative circles that although the possibility of the Commander of the U-Boat having acted contrary to his instructions was not excluded, this would not free the German Government from its responsibility for "an absolutely unjustifiable act."

SERIOUS OBJECTIONS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Netherlands Government has informed the German Government of its serious objections to the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk.

The Government is also preparing a written protest. It is understood that damages will undoubtedly be demanded.

An authoritative source here to-day stated that the German Government will be regarded as responsible for the outrage even if it is claimed that the commander of the U-boat acted against instructions.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK

ROME, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to the official Italian news agency, the Italian cargo steamer, Giorgio Ohlsen, sank off the coast of Great Britain yesterday after striking a mine. She was a 5,694 ton steamer and had a crew of 32.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian had a long talk with Mr. Cordell Hull, as a result of which progress is being made on plans to keep American ships from being sent to British control bases within the war area.

It is hoped to arrange for a control base outside this area.

A Brutal Act

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Senator Key Pittman told the Senate that if Germany sinks any American vessels, it would be "a brutal act and would excite this country perhaps to an extreme point."

London Not Surprised

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Germany's threat to torpedo all neutral ships which appear to be bound for Britain or which are approaching British Contraband Control bases causes no surprise in official circles in London, learns "Reuter."

These circles have known for a long time that the Germans have been subjecting neutral ships to this procedure under these very circumstances.

The only difference now is that the Germans are openly boasting of their intention and capacity to sink neutral ships without warning. Doubtless it is an endeavour to frighten all neutral vessels away from the North Sea, the Channel, the Bay of Biscay and the Atlantic approaches to France and Britain entirely.

This is tantamount to a demand that the Scandinavian nations, Holland and Belgium should cease sending out their ships altogether, since the German threat is so broad that it would menace shipping on any seas which give access to the Western Powers.

There is every confidence in official circles in London that no neutral will be deterred by this threat.

British Consorship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Senator Champ Clark introduced a Bill in the Senate, seeking to prohibit Pan American Clippers from landing at Bermuda in retaliation for British censorship of United States mails.

He told the Senate the British were "rifling" the mails and on one occasion detained the Clipper on which Ambassador Kennedy was enroute.

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Evacuation of School Children Upheld Government To Prepare New Plans

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A statement on the evacuation problem was made by Mr. Walter Elliott, Minister of Health, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Elliott said that the Government remained convinced of the desirability of the dispersal of children from the evacuating areas.

Plans, therefore, had been prepared with the object both of retaining in the reception areas as many as possible of the 400,000 children still there, and preparing for a further large-scale evacuation to take place if air-raids developed on a scale involving serious continuous bombing.

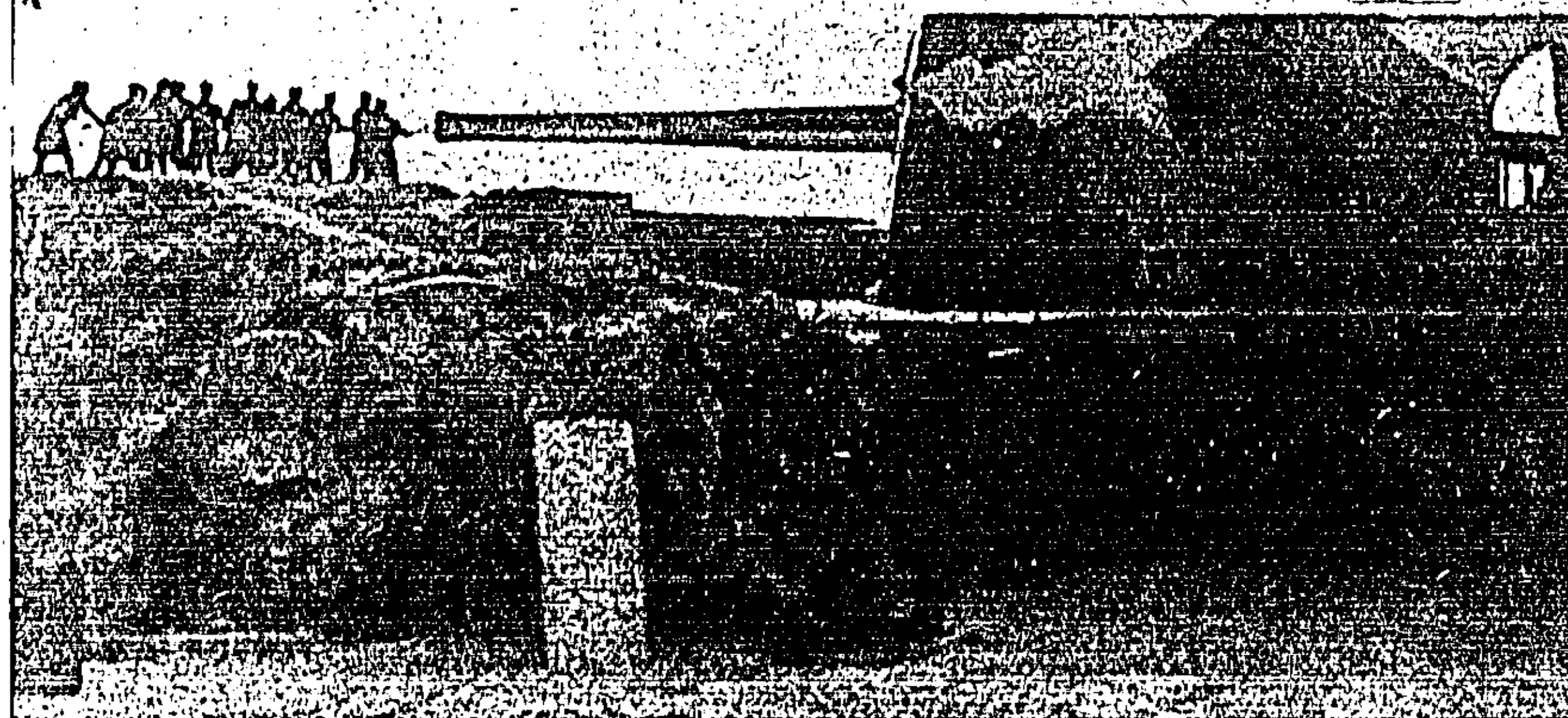
It would be for Government to decide, in the light of prevailing circumstances, when these plans were to be put into operation.

Queen's Appreciation

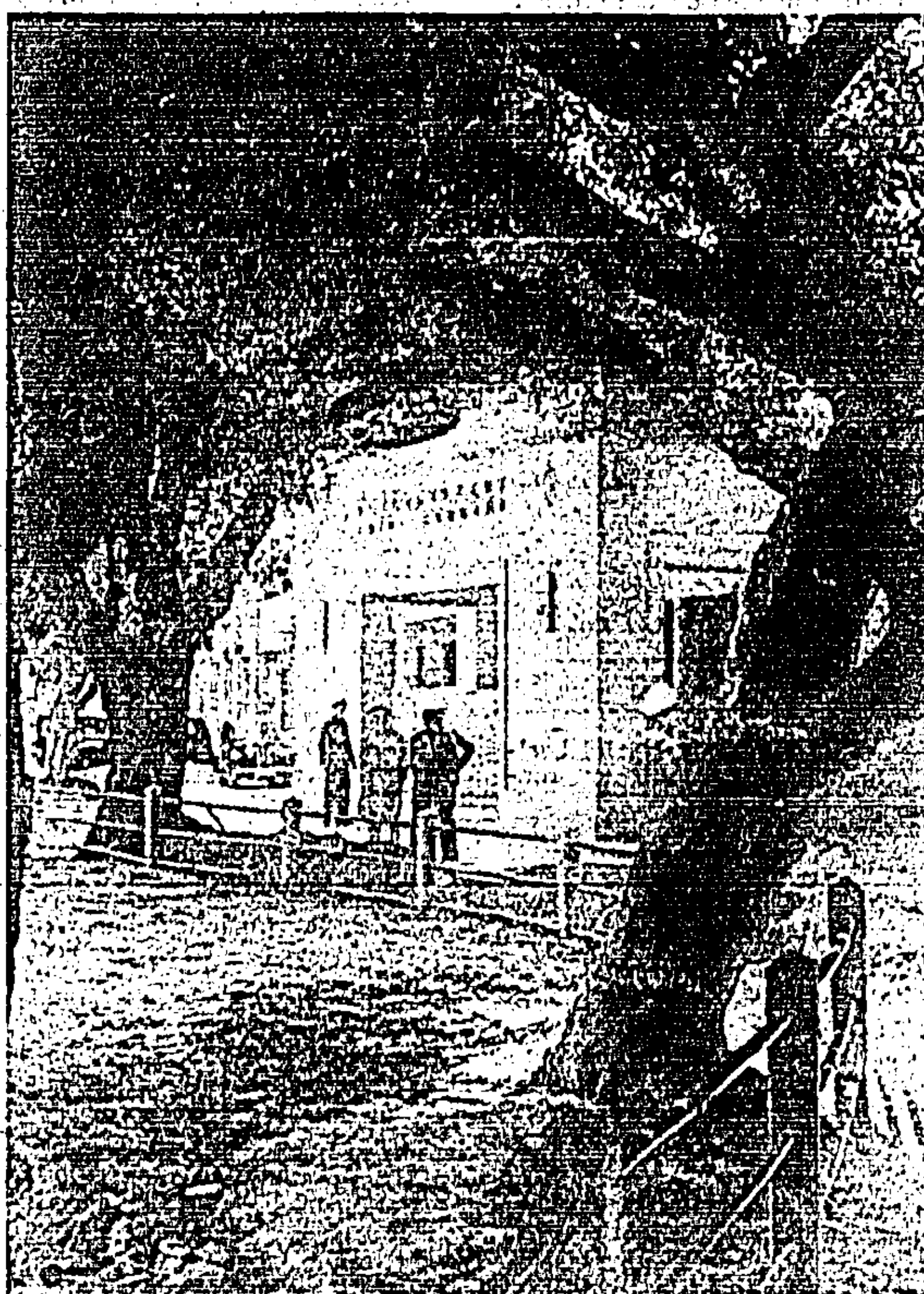
The Queen desired to show her appreciation of the great public spirit shown by those house-holders who, during the last six months, had sheltered children unknown to them and had provided for the children home and sympathy of incomparable value.

To each of these house-holders, the Queen proposed to send a personal message as a token of her recognition of their services to others.

HONGKONG PREPARES: Below we publish the first of a new series of photographs, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph."



ONE OF THE BIG coast defence guns that will defend Hongkong in event of an enemy attack. Cleaning is a job for more than a dozen huskies.



HEADQUARTERS of the China Command, nerve centre of Britain's defences in the Far East.

Finland Issues More Urgent Appeal For Aid

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is pointed out here that although the Russians, as a result of almost two weeks pounding away with heavy loss of life and men, have captured a few outposts of the Mannerheim line they have another ten miles of tank traps, machine-gun posts and barricades to go through before they can hope to penetrate the line itself.

In an interview with the Press, M. Kallio, the President of Finland, made another appeal for foreign help.

He hoped that Finland's case might stimulate countries abroad to help her.

Nevertheless Finland would continue to fight, he said, with help or without help. "We are faced with the extinction of our nation," he said.

"We must fight to the last."

In order to help relieve the pressure on the men at the front, the Finnish Government yesterday issued posters calling men of between 43 and 44 years of age to the colours. They must report.

Attacks Repulsed

The official communiqué issued to-day also states that in the Summa sector the Finnish troops have successfully defended all enemy attacks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the

Goering Boasts: 'We Cannot Be Beaten'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (UP).—"The Greater Reich cannot be beaten militarily, economically or morally," declared Field Marshal Goering in a broadcast to-day to the farm men and women of Germany.

"The English should recognise this," he declared.

He summoned the farm workers to redouble their efforts during the coming year to offset the extreme cold of this winter and the Allied blockade.

"Germany is on the threshold of a battle of production," he contended. "Goering emphasised the German preparedness for war and claimed that the Reich Government has seven million tons of wheat and grain stored in reserve."

"We Are Not Starving"

"We are not starving," he declared. "We have not got too much, but we certainly shall not starve."

Officials refused to disclose from whence the broadcast was made. Goering began his speech at 6.15 p.m.

"German farm men and women, PLEASE Turn To Page 7."

LATEST

Finns Forced To Withdraw

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It was stated to-night that in the face of terrific Russian pressure on the Karelian Isthmus, Finnish troops have withdrawn from the first line positions at a number of points in the Summa sector.

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New Details Of Epic Encounter Disclosed

FOUGHT GRAF SPEE IN THEIR PYJAMAS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Commander Robert R. Graham, of H.M.S. Exeter, who still carries 15 pieces of shrapnel in his body from the River Plate action, said that his lasting impression of the battle was the way the men behaved, particularly the wounded who were "really magnificent."

"We had expected great things of them, but their behaviour was far more wonderful than even we could conceive," he said.

Commander Graham added that during the action they came within 8,000 yards of the Graf Spee.

The Commander had a shrapnel wound in his face and other injuries to his legs.

Lost Both Legs

Lieut. Commander Smith, the Torpedo Officer, speaking of the bravery of his crew, said: "PLEASE Turn To Page 7."

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 9th February.
Shanghai Feb. 16.
Australia and Manila Feb. 17.
Haliphong Feb. 17.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 17.
Canton Feb. 17.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Feb. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 18.
Straits Feb. 18.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 8th Dec. 1939)
Feb. 19.
Haliphong Feb. 19.
Haliphong, Hoihow and Fort Ruyard Feb. 19.
Japan Feb. 19.
Shanghai Feb. 19.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February.
Canton Feb. 20.
Formosa and Swatow Feb. 20.
Japan Feb. 20.
Saigon Feb. 20.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 20.
Straits Feb. 20.
Straits and Manila Feb. 20.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 14th February.
Feb. 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Feb. 16
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 20th February.
K.P.O.

Parcels. Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels. Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 23rd February.
K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 16, 7.30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17

Japan 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels. Feb. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18
Amoy 9.00 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 19

Canton 7.15 a.m.
Dairen 9.30 a.m.
Haliphong 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Shanghai 8.30 a.m.
Canton 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong 2 p.m.
Japan 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.
K.P.O.

Reg. Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th Feb.
K.P.O.

Reg. Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 20, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta 11.00 a.m.
Parcels 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Swatow 2.30 p.m.
Straits 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 20th February.
K.P.O.

Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 21, 7.00 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

The Evening Institute will reopen on Monday, 4th March, 1940. Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Office, Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wanchai.

W. L. HANDYSIDE,
Director.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).
Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

WESTERN FRONT

SNOW COVERS NO MAN'S LAND

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Heavy snowfalls have reduced all movement to a minimum on the Western Front.

The weather, however, is now slightly less cold.

Air activity was at a complete standstill owing to bad visibility. Two incidents, both west of the Saar, were reported to-day in the official communiqué issued by Army Headquarters.

At one point in the corner of a wood, the Germans attempted to raid a post but the first burst of fire sent them hurrying back.
At nightfall a German patrol which had approached too near to one of our posts was dispersed by French fire and left some men on the ground. An official communiqué issued to-day states that there is nothing important to report.

Indians Work In Snow

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The weather on the Western Front has proved the value of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps.
During the past few weeks the men and their mules have been doing first class work under conditions which help the mechanised transport and particularly the British troops strengthening the front-line positions. They are settling down well despite the weather and an officer told the Press that they seem to pick up French must more quickly than British soldiers do.

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to the United States on official business. On that occasion they consented nearly half the mail.
The Senate, by a vote of 46 to 25, defeated Senator Clark's proposal which was offered as an amendment to the Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Bill as well as an amendment to the Neutrality Act.

"I Must Sink You"

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Captain of the Netherlands ship Burgerdijk, which was sunk by the Nazis last Saturday, issued a full statement on the sinking of his ship yesterday.

He emphasised yet again that all the ship's cargo was either destined for the Netherlands Government or for Dutch firms.
In New York he told the British Consul that he would not diverge from the direct route to Rotterdam unless he were forced.

On Saturday afternoon he was stopped by a U-boat which called for the ship's papers.
When the Chief Officer took them across, however, the U-boat Commander said "These papers don't interest me. I must sink you."

He ignored the Chief Officer's assurances that the ship would not go into a British port unless compelled by a warship.

He ordered the Burgerdijk to send out a radio message saying that she had been involved in a collision. Her crew were then ordered into the boats. The Burgerdijk was then torpedoed and sank amidst flames.

Pittman's Statement

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Senator Key Pittman's statement blaming the British for the Nazi claim was supported by the argument that England could remove the danger of German attack by ending the practice of taking American merchantmen into control ports.

According to another report, Pittman said: "Germany is evidently claiming to act under the law of retaliation. She says she will violate international law on the grounds that it is necessary to protect herself against Britain illegally attempting to confiscate goods as contraband in American vessels."

J. P. Morgan & Co. To Dissolve

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (UP).—Authoritative financial circles state that the 85-year-old firm of J. P. Morgan & Company will soon dissolve partnership and withdraw from the private banking field to incorporate as a trust company under the State laws.

London "Sunday Despatch" Reveals Mr. Skeels' Activities FORMER PRO-NAZI LEAGUE OFFICIAL STARTS ANOTHER "CLUB" IN LONDON

"HITLER LIKES US. WE MUST BE FRIENDS"

MR. SEROCOLD SKEELS, a former member of the Council of the Nordic League, the pro-German body dissolved on the outbreak of war, has become chairman of a new organisation, says the London "Sunday Despatch."

It is called the Holborn Public Speaking Club, and through it Mr. Skeels is giving regular lectures to audiences which include young British men and women in their very impressionable early 20's.

Mr. Skeels is a man who con-

them in the last war. So why shouldn't Germany?

"Not An Agent"

This is Mr. Skeels' background:—He left the Imperial Fascist League at the end of December 1933.

In January 1934 he was adopted by the newly formed United British Party as its candidate in the Cambridge by-election.

Two days after his adoption as candidate Mr. Skeels was dropped by his party because "his personal views on racial and religious questions are not in accord with the party's policy."

Next day Mr. Skeels resigned from the party. The announcement that he had been disowned by the Imperial Fascist League followed.

Mr. A. S. Lees, director-general of the League, then stated: "Mr. Skeels has disavoured the rules by joining an organisation with totally different aims, and I had no alternative but to throw him out."

Mr. Skeels was educated at Malvern and Oxford University and has an M.A. degree from the University of the Cape of Good Hope.
He has the Queen's Medal for service in the South African War, and on the outbreak of the Great War returned to England and joined the Army.

M.P. Candidate

In addition to having been a member of the Nordic League Council, Mr. Skeels has been

Parliamentary candidate for Cambridge on behalf of the United British Party.

Was a member of the Imperial Fascist League, by which he was "disowned" in 1934.

Is a member of the Peace Pledge Union.

Was cheered by 150,000 Germans when he spoke before the war at a Nuremberg congress of the Nazi Party, at which he was introduced at the microphone by Julius Streicher, Hitler's friend and arch Jew-baiter of Germany.

He told the assembled Nazi legions: "The anti-Jewish fascists of England, the Imperial Fascist League, whose representative I am, bring greetings to you. We fight with Hitler against the Jews. We know full well that the question before you is: 'Are you for the Nordic race or are you for the Jewish nation?' We desire friendship between Germany and England."
"We are your Nordic brothers and never again shall war be waged between our peoples. On my return to England I shall tell the truth for Germany. I have won in spite of all. Our fight begins. Heil, Hitler."

Doorman's Fascist Badge

To attend the latest lecture which Mr. Skeels gave to the club I went up four flights of stone steps, lit by pallid blue lights, to a house in Holborn.—(It was the house in which the Nordic League used to meet.)

A doorman wearing a Fascist badge passed me into a room where young men and women, a clergyman, and some elderly men sat round tables talking.

Then I met Mr. Skeels, a middle-aged, grey-haired man.
"The club exists," he told me, "to discuss subjects of public importance. The people who come to the lectures naturally include some of those who used to assemble to hear lectures given in the same hall before the war."

I asked Mr. Skeels to explain his politics.
"I am a National Socialist," he said, "and I hope to go one better than the Austrian who first thought of it. I have been Parliamentary candidate once and I will stand again as a National Socialist."

"We must have National Socialism here, though it must be adjusted to suit the British character."

"As the British Government strenuously proclaim that they are fighting for freedom, the Holborn Public Speaking Club demands the right of free discussion and free association of patriotic Britons."

"No Jews"

"Can anyone attend your meetings?" I asked.

"We do not admit Jews," was the reply.

War with Germany, says Mr. Skeels, is a grave blunder.
"I am absolutely against this war," he said. "We cannot gain anything from it. Hitler never wanted war with us. Of that I am certain. Remember that Ramsay MacDonald was opposed to the last war and afterwards he became Prime Minister."

"Hitler likes us and so does Hesse. We would have been better to have let Hitler have the Corridor and the Duchy of Warsaw. I am certain he would have had no more demands."

"Some German friends of mine," he continued, "have told me that Germany will not bomb Britain. I believe that. But they will alter their minds if we bomb them."

"As a past member of the Nordic League, I think we should be friendly with Germany as they are a Nordic people."

"This country intended to go to war with Germany for years. The only thing it has come to at the wrong moment. Our 70-years-old Prime Minister was stampeded into it."

"People are saying that the Germans have no right to use the magnetic mine. The Americans used

It's Cold All The Time For North Sea Navy

KNITTED comforts for officers and men in the Navy are needed all the year round, not merely in the winter.

This was emphasised recently by Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle, chairman of the Navy League in the absence, on active service, of Lord Beatty.

"With the Navy there is no period during the whole year when knitted comforts are not required," he said in an interview.

"It is always cold in the North Sea, particularly in the night watches."

Cutting The Right Gifts

"I would also like to impress upon those people who are anxious to adopt a particular ship that it is much better to send gifts to a central organisation, such as that of the Navy League Royal Naval Comforts Supply. Otherwise the gifts might not be distributed in the best way."

When we received a case of comforts, with great eagerness the case was opened, but we found that it was stacked with woollen garments."

Depots For Collections

The Navy League have now opened nearly 1,200 depots and sub-depots for the collection and distribution of articles.

From these depots in all parts of the country the gifts are sent to headquarters for distribution.

First Women To Die On Active Service

THE name of the first Englishwoman to die on active service in the war appears in the thirteen R.A.F. casualty list issued by the Air Ministry recently.

She was Aircraftwoman Yvonne Rockingham, a cook in the W.A.A.F., whose home was at Coventry. She died after a week's illness.

The list contains 48 names.

Killed in Action
Smith, 541,094, A.C.I. A. U.; Thomas, 550,309, Sgt. C.

Previously Reported Missing, now Reported Killed in Action
Heslop, 566,050, Sgt. A. O.; Lyon, 546,079, A.C.I. E. W.; Marwood, 564,032, Sgt. G. W.; Ward, 564,477, Sgt. L. R.; Williams, 590,087, Act. Sgt. C.

Previously Reported Missing, now Reported Killed in Action
Pitts, 595,352, Sgt. R. S.

Killed on Active Service
Baker, 41,245, Act. Pilot Off. S. G.; Burwick, 515,087, Sgt. P. J. W.; Campbell, 41,349, Pilot Off. D. C. R.; Carter, 40,604, Pilot Off. C. R.; Chandler, 40,221, Fl. Off. J. F.; Clark, 70,130, Squad. Leader, C. C.; Drummond, 41,834, Pilot Off. H. K. A.; Dunham-Treble, 42,621, Act. Pilot Off. R.; Golden, 804,130, Sgt. J. B.; Hardman, 628,360, A.C.2. A.; Hume, 40,394, Pilot Off. O. C.; Jacob, 41,709, Pilot Off. K. C. H.; Linton, 740,020, Sgt. K. J.; Moore, 617,390, Cpl. F. J. W.; Musgrave, 41,197,

'Quins' Are Born In Theatre



MISS PATRICIA BURKE presents five spaniel puppies born in a dressing room at the Coliseum, London, during rehearsals for the pantomime "Cinderella."

"Mein Kampf" Purged Of Tribute To Us

By WILL FRISCHAUER

I HAVE just heard some details about the new edition of Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

This is what Hitler thought of Britain's soldiers when he committed his Great War experiences to paper in 1923:

"In Germany, the schools, the daily Press and the comic papers had gradually created a picture of the Englishman's character and of his Empire which led to a catastrophic self-deception."

"Its consequence was an under-estimation of the British, for which we had to pay bitterly."

"This self-deception was so complete that most people were con-

vinced that the Englishman was just an astute but incredibly cowardly shopkeeper."

"It never occurred to the lofty professors who taught us all this that an Empire he size of he Britain had not been brought together just by underhand tricks and petty swindling."

"I well remember the astonished faces of my comrades when, in Flanders, we faced the British troops personally."

"After the first few days of battle the conviction dawned on us that these men were not quite the proposition put to us in the comic Press and the newspaper stories."

These references have been omitted from the new edition of "Mein Kampf," which is mainly destined for German front-line soldiers.

There is also no trace of Hitler's abusive remarks about Russia and Bolshevism which appeared in the original version of the book.

Russia Buys More American Wheat

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is reported by local export quarters that Russia has purchased between three and five cargoes of Pacific Coast wheat, presumably for shipment to Vladivostok.

Spite Attack by Submarine

A U-BOAT commander fired three torpedoes at the British steamer Uskmouth. Each missed.

Then, with ruthless spite, he shelled the defenceless steamer with shrapnel at close range. Two of the crew were killed as they tried to escape.

S.O.S. messages were sent. A French warship arrived and, it is believed, sank the U-boat, thus avenging one of the most brutal attacks made by a German submarine.

The full story was told in London this month.

It was nearly eleven o'clock on a clear night in the Bay of Biscay when the officer on the watch on the bridge of the Uskmouth saw a torpedo truck passing close ahead of the ship.

The Uskmouth's helm was put over and, as the ship was swinging, the track of a second torpedo passed close to the bows. Then, as the Uskmouth was still swinging, the track of a third torpedo was seen. This passed astern.

Thus the Uskmouth dodged three torpedoes fired without warning, but she was not to escape. The U-boat surfaced and opened fire with her gun. As the crew were taking to their boats the Germans used shrapnel.

A shell bursting over the upper deck killed the third officer and one of the seamen.

The remainder of the crew lowered a lifeboat. Blinded with blood, the wounded chief officer just managed to reach it.

The submarine was still shelling when the lifeboat, with twenty-two men, pulled away from the ship 120 miles from land.

By magnificent seamanship the lifeboat sighted land before being picked up.

Inseparable pals since boyhood, Sydney Wells and Ray Boswell, of Grimsby, both aged twenty-two, have been separated for ever by a German torpedo.

Both were junior engineers in the steamship Navasota when the vessel was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic last month. Wells is reported to be safe at Cape Town, but his pal is listed among the missing.

Mr. Boswell, of Fairfax-road, Grimsby, has received official notification that his son's name was not included in the list of survivors.

HE KILLED TWO BANDITS: MEDAL

A private who killed two bandits has been awarded the Military Medal.

He is Private Thomas Alfred Smith, of the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), and his courageous act took place at Beit Lida, Palestine.

Smith was one of a platoon of a company advancing towards Beit Lida. As they came over a terrace they were fired on at close range by a bandit.

Without the slightest hesitation, Smith rushed straight at the man and shot him dead.

When another bandit fired from a similar position, Private Smith again went straight at the man and killed him.

"A.R.P. MARINES" UNITS FOR NAZI MINE VICTIMS

LONDON. BRITISH towns have so far been spared from devastation by air raids against which precautions of civilian defence were taken. Preparation made in the first days of the war have not been relaxed.

The civilian defence organisation stands ready. Some 1,250,000 volunteer workers' training goes on.

Of the numerous branches of civilian defence few have had an opportunity to carry out their duties except in practice exercises.

Auxiliary firemen and "A.R.P. Marines"—the latest addition to the civilian defence ranks—are notable exceptions.

According to the Ministry of Home Security auxiliary firemen are turning out day and night to every fire that occurs. At a recent London fire, which turned out to be one of the biggest for several years, more than 200 auxiliary firemen were on duty.

The "A.R.P. Marines"—as they have been nicknamed—are a result of the German war on shipping.

Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea or attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-gun. The casualties need the quickest possible attention. There is a call to shore for first aid parties. Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to sea at the moment the call comes, at any hour in the day or night.

On a recent occasion two first aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles offshore which had on board survivors of another ship which had been torpedoed. There was a heavy sea running and the casualties had to be transferred from the ship to the trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions.

There were fifteen persons all suffering from extensive superficial burns. It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care—one especially as he had a broken spine.

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A very soft, loose-end permanent has turned this little girl's straight, unmanageable hair into soft, shining ringlets in a natural arrangement, considered ideal by Lura de Gez, hair stylist.

Child's Beauty Habits Insure Loveliness

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE moment a little girl shows signs of taking an interest in her own good looks is the moment to begin teaching her how to care for her hair, says Lura de Gez, well-known woman hair stylist. The beginning of vanity can mark the beginning of good beauty habits that will cling to her through life, and for which she will be rewarded with perfection not only in hair and skin health, but in lovely hands and superb grooming.

One of the widespread ideas about children's hair that she wants to debunk, is that permanents are injurious to a child's hair. This was once true, when a permanent wave was a risky thing even for thick, coarse hair. But permanent waving at the hands of an expert to-day is safe for any child from the age of two onward. Hot irons, metal curlers and sharp bobby pins so often used to curl children's hair can do much more damage than a permanent waving machine.

But it is important to have the child's hair waved properly. No setting should be necessary, as you will want at all costs to avoid the fussy appearance of any but loose, naturally curling ringlets. An ideal little-girl coiffure, she says, is permanently waved to give softly curling ringlets at the ends, trimmed into a medium bob and then brushed into shining smoothness over the rest of the head. The hair is never set. Just washed with the mildest shampoo liquid, dried with soft towels and fluffed out with the fingers when nearly dry.

Every mother knows a child's hair is easier to keep dressed when there is some curl. The clever and sincere hair stylist never recommends a permanent where one is not needed, however. If a youngster has a natural tendency toward curliness or if her hair is soft and fluffy, she prefers a cut-in wave, and teaches the child how to brush and care for it, coaxing the waves in.

She stresses the necessity for keeping the scalp immaculately clean and healthy through this period. Proper scalp care, she says, will prevent and actually help clear up many cases of acne. The routine hair care for the average little girl includes a hot oil treatment once a month, a shampoo with an alkaline-free liquid soap every two weeks, followed by a mild lemon or camomile rinse, and daily brushing sessions of at least fifty strokes night and morning, with the head bent forward or back and the brush moving outward from the scalp so it tugs at the strands of hair and exercises the scalp while it does its polishing job.

Little girls should try new ways of wearing their hair often. It develops a sense of her own good points and will help her to make the best of them later in life. Pride in one's hair and a flattering arrangement will help make her less self-consciously about other faults that are less easily corrected, too. It is good for the hair to change its arrangement frequently, as hair combed endlessly the same way has a tendency to thin out at the temples.



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Ways With Left-Overs

SANDWICHES are often left over, but there is no need for them to be wasted. If they are toasted outside, top and bottom, and served hot, they will be delicious next day.

If you have some cold potatoes left over from dinner, cut them up finely. Dice some beetroot with a little onion. Mix the vegetables together, seasoning with salt and pepper and a little mustard. Decorate with the slices of tomato or egg, and you have a supper dish fit for a king.

Left-over suet pudding can be served up again in an appetizing form by cutting it in slices and trying to a golden brown. Serve with cream or custard.

Small odd scraps of bacon should never be thrown away as useless. They can be made into bacon moulds by chopping and mixing with half the bulk of breadcrumbs, grated onion, and bits of tomato. Bind with a beaten egg, add pepper and salt to taste. Put into small greased moulds, and top with breadcrumbs. Bake or steam till set.

Bacon fat must never be left-over, especially in war-time. It is useful for cooking purposes. Eggs are better when fried in bacon fat, and omelettes cook better in it than in butter. It is also excellent for greasing tins before baking buns or pastries. Very little is needed, as it spreads too thickly, it may flavour the cakes. It is, of course, the ideal fat in which to fry potatoes.

Using Ham Scraps

However carefully ham is carved there are some scraps always left-over. A tasty way of using them is to mince finely and add a thick brown sauce made with an ounce of butter and flour to a gill of brown stock. Season with pepper but no salt, and pile the mixture on to rounds of hot buttered toast. If liked, a poached egg can be slipped on top of the ham.

Another method with ham scraps is to bake in a custard made with three eggs and a pint of milk. Add a chopped, fried onion and season with pepper. This is a novel lunch or supper dish.

Did you know that mushroom peelings and stalks are well worth saving for flavouring soups and sauces? All you need to do is put them on a tray in the oven and let them dry thoroughly. Then hang in a paper bag until required for use.

Here is a good recipe which makes a change from the usual "fried-up" way of serving everyday left-overs. Skin and slice half a pound of tomatoes, slice some cold boiled potatoes, and cold meat. Place a layer of meat, a layer of potatoes, a layer of tomatoes, seasoned with pepper and salt, then a layer of potatoes in a casserole. Continue in this way until the dish is full. Bake in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Bread and butter is often left-over after tea. Try this way with it:—Trim off the crusts and break up the bread. Layer the pieces alternately with sliced apple sugar to taste, in a buttered pie-dish. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and two tablespoons of water. Bake in a moderate oven for three-quarters of an hour.

Homely Hints

BEFORE filling a cushion pad with feathers or down, rub over the inside surface of the material with hard soap and the tiny quills cannot work their way out.

When furniture is badly scratched, apply equal quantities of turpentine and linseed oil with a soft rag, and when dry, polish.

If white silk has been scorched, make a paste with bi-carbonate of soda and cold water and leave on the mark until dry.

To separate tumblers which have become stuck, stand in warm water and fill the inner one with cold water.

M. L. B.



And so to bed. A housecoat of gray and rose striped silk and rayon faille is handsomely trimmed with rose-coloured braided frogs. The warm nightie is of white botany flannel with an insert of pink elastic satin.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

LOSSES FORCING SHOPS TO CLOSE

The grave consequences to Germany of the two-way Allied blockade are admitted with astonishing frankness by Joseph Wenschuh, a leading German economist.

"It now becomes necessary to recognise that the economic war is getting more and more serious, and that if the present type of economic warfare continues much longer the losses will be greater than on the military front," he says in an article contributed to the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung." "It would be definitely wrong to live in a world of illusion."

"Retail trades will be the first to be mown down. Christmas trade results in a rapid selling-out of shops. It will no longer be possible to replace stocks—or only to a very small extent."

"Motor car dealers and petrol filling stations have already been forced to go out of business. Most of the shops will be obliged to do likewise immediately after Christmas. They have the choice of liquidating at once or gradually, which means that they must decide how much capital they are prepared to go on losing."

The article stresses the fact that retailers cannot expect any subvention from the Government, but must "find means of helping themselves." Herr Wenschuh adds the tradesmen are playing an important political role in endeavouring to quiet the dissatisfied customer who "considers his portion of meat and his ration card as of more importance than the war, and freely expresses his misgivings in the shop."

Motor Ban Extended

A further drastic reduction of private motoring, as a result of the petrol shortage, is foreshadowed by a decree issued in Frankfurt. The effect will be to reduce the number of cars on the road to less than one-seventh of the present total.

At the beginning of the war 20,000 persons in the Province of Frankfurt were able to satisfy the authorities that their business rendered a car essential. Now officials have been ordered to weed out these permits and reduce the total to 4,000. Similar orders in other parts of the Reich are expected.

Forbidden To Trade

How traders can be put out of business for alleged offences without trial or public explanation, is illustrated by a new item in the "Westfälischer Landeszeitung."

This gives the name of a man who, by order of the Mayor of Minden is forbidden to trade in goods in general use because he does not possess the necessary reliability. No particulars of the man's offence—if any—are disclosed, but it is stated that the mayoral order has the force of law.

Mayor's Star Rising

There are indications that Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, is being "built up" to occupy a more prominent place in public life. He received recently a party of political organisers from Poland, and at the end of the interview, Hess handed each of them a portrait of himself.

This characteristically Hitlerian gesture is one which the Fuehrer very seldom permits one of his Ministers to make.

Servants' Rations Withhold

"Is it possible that there are some housewives who deprive their servants of the rations to which they are entitled?" ingeniously asks the "Ruhr-Arbeiter."

The newspaper adds that, apart from the injustice of such a procedure, "it is in the housewife's own interest to keep her servant healthy and in working vigour by providing proper nourishment."

Decree Nisi Against Clergyman

A DECREE NISI was granted by the President, Sir Boyd Merriman, in the Divorce Court to Mrs. Dorothy May Jeffreys, of Ash Walk, Warminster, Wiltshire, because of the adultery of her husband, the Rev. Tudor Jeffreys.

The suit was not contested.

At the time of the marriage, which took place at Christ Church, Warminster, in 1915, the husband was a student at Lampeter Theological College, Cardiganshire.

After his ordination he and his wife lived at Bristol and at Melksham, Wiltshire, where he held curacies.

Without A Living

From 1920 until 1932 he held a living near Devizes, and he and his wife then parted as the result, she alleged, of trouble over a woman.

Later, it was stated, the husband became vicar of Bratton, near Doncaster, and lived there until last year with the woman who passed as his wife.

The judge was informed by Mrs. Jeffreys's counsel that, so far as he knew, the husband was still a priest but was without a living.

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This square necked nightgown adds beading of ribbon to accent the outline and to bead an additional face ruffle through the bodice front. The inset corselet is used and the skirt is full cut. In pink sheer with blue ribbons.

Culinary Economies

THE skins of carrots and onions should be added to the stockpot, as they contain valuable salts; and the water in which macaroni, beans, pens, lentils, and rice have been boiled should also be kept for stock.

Bread scraps need never be wasted. Soaked in milk or stock they make the foundation of fillings for pastry cases and sweet or savoury puddings. Tins may be transformed into rusks, croutons, and bread sticks, fairy toast, charlottes, and innumerable sweet dishes. Odd pieces may be dried, rolled, and stored in tins, to emerge as thickeners for sauces, steamed puddings or a garnish for casserole dishes.

The left-overs of thick pickles, finely chopped with their liquor, will make a useful addition to stews and savouries or to improve the gravy. The strained vinegar remaining from clear pickle is useful for seasoning.

Cold mashed parsnips, seasoned and mixed with grated cheese, make delicious butterless sandwiches, especially with brown bread.

When making marzipan icing for a cake, use only half the stated quantity of ground almonds with the same amount of grated sponge crumbs and several pence will be saved.

After using the mincer for meat, put a piece of stale bread through. This prevents waste and removes all grease from the machine so that it is easily washed.

A tablespoonful of vinegar makes an excellent substitute for an egg in a large cake where several eggs are required.

When using brown sugar for baking or sweet-making, first mix it with a little milk. This makes it as smooth as caster sugar.

Do not discard the water bottles because their stoppers have become worn and loose. Screw the stopper into a circle of chamois leather, such as the top of an old glove, and no leakage will occur.

If a lump of sugar is placed in the cheese dish it will keep the cheese fresh and free from mould.

Left-over potatoes might form the basis of potato and cheese souffles, scones, and pastry. They would be welcome in such dishes as cottage pie, Dutch pudding and Scotch eggs, or with the aid of a forcing bag, look decorative on salads.

M. L. B.

TO minimise the stain of a bad scorch mark, wring a cloth out of very hot water, dip in glycerine and sponge gently. Rinse out by sponging with one part peroxide of hydrogen to four parts of warm water, and rinse finally with clear warm water.

Mincemeat Flan

FOR those who dislike the pastry of mince pies this mincemeat flan will be welcome.

You require:—Four ounces self-raising flour, 2½ ozs. sugar, one egg, two tablespoons milk, half pound mincemeat.

Melt the margarine, add the sugar and egg, and beat all well together. Then stir in the flour, lightly, and lastly add the milk. Have ready the well-greased flan mould. Put in the mixture, and bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes.

It is a light biscuit colour. Turn out and allow to become cold. Heat half-pound mincemeat slightly to make it spread more easily, and fill the flan with it. Decorate with halved glacé cherries and bloned almonds.

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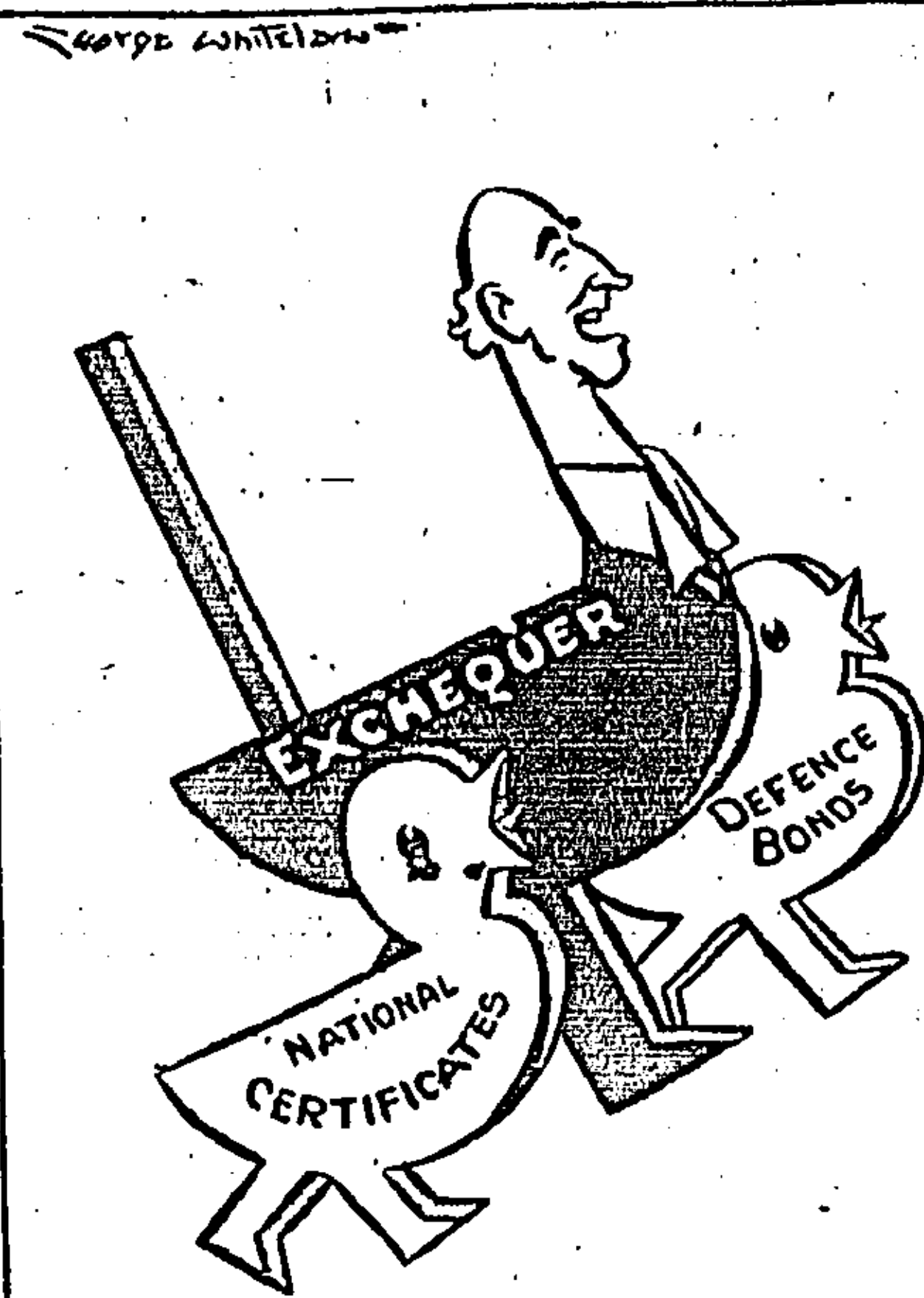
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Rights Of Shipping

Neutral reactions to Germany's campaign of murder by U-Boat on the seaways are swiftly becoming clear. The real issue was again impressed upon all the maritime nations this week by the mining of the Dutch steamship Berjerdijk. That crime adds point to the earlier comment that they are heavy sacrifices which neutrals have to bear. By the crippling of the Berjerdijk the Netherlands becomes the heaviest sufferer of all the neutral countries.

It must be gall and wormwood to Hitlerism that neutral countries should resent his piracy. The duty enjoined upon them by the distributives now foaming from Berlin is to forget the injuries and insults he has inflicted and protest against the reprisals which the Allies are taking in defence of the rights of shipping. At the outset of the last war the United States was the most energetic champion of the complete freedom of neutrals. The American people are not less intent upon maintaining their neutrality now. Nevertheless, we read that little criticism of the blockade of German exports is to be heard and no more to be expected. Indiscriminate minelaying, it is recognised, compelled retaliation. Though some American importers may be annoyed, sympathy will not await those who wish to go on doing business with Hitlerism. In the Scandinavian countries it is recognised that though the reprisals will restrict the work of their merchant marine we were bound to take action.

From Berlin comes the characteristic threat that neutrals may be accused of violating their neutrality if they are unable to carry German exports. We have to acknowledge that the earning power of the shipping of neutral countries may be diminished for a time by the loss of cargoes from Germany. The blockade thus far has been operated with a conspicuous lack of friction and delay and protest. In its intensification the same fairness and desire to avoid hardship will be shown. But neutrals must ask themselves what is the alternative to the blockade. It is that Germany should continue her destruction of their seamen and their shipping as long as she has a submarine and a mine to put in the sea. Her declared objective is to frighten into uselessness all their ships which she cannot destroy. "Routes which touch England lead to death," is the brag of Berlin. It is a suicidal policy.



Agitated Adolf: "I'll be lucky if I can SAVE my SKIN!"

IT'S NO JOKE

in Germany Now!

GREY days, these, for Germany. And they are becoming "greyer and greyer," Dr. Goebbels says so.

So the Reich Minister for Public Enlightenment and Culture and What-Not is trying to put a smile back on the face of Germany.

He won't find it easy. For years it has been dangerous, even if it were possible, to laugh in Germany. I have been listening to Nazi jokes on the German radio. I have scoured the Nazi Press and magazines for something to smile at. I haven't heard or seen one yet.

Here are two jokes that are supposed to make Berliners roar with laughter:

A man says: "I have just been to a furniture sale and they kicked me out."

"Why did they kick you out?"

"Because it was no sale at all; it was just a removal."

Funny, isn't it? Or this one:

Mother: "Why did you not forbid that Swede to kiss you?"

Daughter: "Sorry, mother, but I cannot speak Swedish."

Can you see anything funny in that story? Nor can the German people. They really have nothing to laugh about these days.

What would you do if your song writers were determined to popularise a song with a refrain like this: "I tear out one of your eyelashes and stab you in the back with it?"

I am not surprised that the German people are gloomy and dreary. But Goebbels will have a tough job trying to make a nation laugh. Even the idea of a man like Goebbels attempting to do it won't raise a German smile.

The Germans who could make jokes have long been confined in concentration camps. Pink, Berlin's greatest (Aryan) entertainer, is now in a labour gang in the Westwall.

The last time he appeared before the German public he brought a big wooden case on the stage. In it he packed, one after another, pictures of Hitler, Goering and Goebbels and other members of the Nazi Government.

Then he produced a huge label and stuck it on the case: DON'T UPSET.

Next day he was under arrest.

Valentin, the Munich comedian, came on the stage with his hand upraised (as for the Nazi salute):

"That high lies the snow in the Bavarian mountains," he said.

The Gestapo warned him not to

make jokes about the Nazi salute.

On another occasion Valentin told his audience:

"Last night I saw a marvellous, huge limousine. Out stepped, to my great surprise, an S.S. leader."

Again the Gestapo warned him not to accuse the S.S. leaders of extravagant life. So he decided to tell his story differently.

"Last night," Valentin said, "I saw a marvellous, huge limousine. Out stepped, to my great surprise —no S.S. leader."

The German doesn't hear jokes like that now.

But the Nazis revelled—long before the war started—in jokes about Englishmen. For instance:

Two Englishmen are travelling together in a compartment. One of them, looking out of the window, points to the green and says, "There is a cow."

An hour passes, after which the other Englishman says, "It was an ox."

After another hour the first Englishman gets up and leaves the compartment. "With a man who always quarrels," he says, "I do not care to travel."

It is a joke designed to make fun of the monosyllabity of British people.

This is an example of non-political Nazi humour: I found it in the best known humorous column in the Berlin Press.

"The young girls of to-day do not look as young as twenty years ago."

"Quite true—some of them are almost ten years older now."

That's all. It is a joke in Germany.

Political jokes predominate, of course, in the Nazi Press. They show you, for instance, a British officer taking off his braces (and losing his trousers) because the W.A.T.s need them now.

Cartoonists and professional entertainers favour Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Churchill, the British lion and John Bull. They dare not look nearer home.

Perhaps the best German joke is one that was not made in Germany, but merely came out of it.

It was brought from Berlin by an American journalist.

"They told me in Germany," he said, "that 99 per cent. of the German people are behind their Fuehrer. Fancy my bad luck—meeting only the remaining one per cent!"

Can you imagine the German Minister for Mirth laughing at that one?

John Nichol

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SNAP - SECOND AIR RAID WARNING IN SHETLANDS
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Hermits in the Limelight

By STUART FLETCHER

THE Shetlands seem an odd place to choose for bomb-dropping. So odd that when I read that Shetlands schoolchildren were scurrying into shelters while German planes roared above I decided to look into the matter.

I failed to find any particular reason for the German visitations—even if I had I am sure the censor would have suppressed my discovery; but I found out a great deal that was interesting.

You see, I had never taken advantage of the daily air service which, until the war broke out, would deliver a Londoner starting from his home at ten in the morning to the Shetland Islands by early evening.

Indeed, I had never visited the Shetlands at all. All I knew about was Shetland ponies at the seaside. Fair Isle jumpers scintillating on the manly chests of my friends, and a dear old lady of 90 with a hand-loom at Olympia, who had a face which combined a Rembrandt-like wisdom with the complexion of a three-year-old. So I made a voyage to the Shetlands with the aid of guide-books, history books, maps, and encyclopedias. The weather being what it is, it was a very comfortable journey.

The first thing that I learnt about these one hundred islands in the sixtieth latitude—they are actually 60 miles north of Greenland's most southerly point—was that they are mortgaged to Britain.

Years ago—nearly 600—King Christian I of Norway married off his daughter, Margaret, to James III of Scotland. The dowry amounted to 60,000 florins.

But poor Christian couldn't raise all this money, so he gave James the Orkneys and the Shetlands as a surety.

By the time Margaret actually left Copenhagen for Scotland Christian had found only 2,000 florins of the required total, and when by 1472—four years after the wedding-day—he still hadn't paid up, the islands were annexed by the Scottish Crown.

To this day, however, they may be got out of pawn by Norway on payment of Margaret's dowry.

The steadily decreasing population of the 29 inhabited Shetland islands amounts to some 25,000 people. The long straggle of islands extends northwards for about 50 miles, and there is no point anywhere on them more than three miles from the sea.

At midsummer there is brilliant light at midnight, and it is possible—but no guide-book can even hint at the exciting beauty of this—to watch the paling sunset merge into the rosy glow of early dawn and the darting gleams of sunrise.

The inhabitants of the Shetlands are what are often described by city dwellers as simple folk. That is to say, they have for centuries

lived a life uninfused by the march of civilisation. Who is to say that they have not been fortunate?

At last, however, civilisation has caught them up, announcing its arrival with bombs.

The islanders earn their livings as crofters or fishermen—very often as both. At Lerwick in June there is herring-madness. The town's population swells to more than ten thousand, and the sea is black with hundreds of drifters arriving back from their all-night fishing excursions.

Peat is the main fuel in the islands. It is cut in rectangular blocks by means of a special spade called a tuskar (Icelandic for turk-cutter).

You can still see women carrying the dried peats to their homesteads over the moors in straw baskets on their backs—the women knitting as they go! And often—though tourists are now taking their place—the little Shetland ponies bear home the peats in panniers slung across their backs.

Peat moorland gives way at times to sheep pasture. The Shetland sheep, like the Shetland pony, is diminutive, and is said to be identical with the wild sheep of Siberia.

Shetland wool is not shorn but plucked direct from the necks of these sheep. Fair Isle, where they make the jumpers, is a typical Shetland isle, two and three-quarters miles long by one broad. One hundred people living in sturdy, clean, white-washed cottages, each dotted on its croft. A church, a couple of light-houses, a school-house, pasture and moorland, and a quiet life.

Twice a week a mail-boat crosses a stretch of open Atlantic to this island which has been made famous by a trick its inhabitants learnt from the Spaniards.

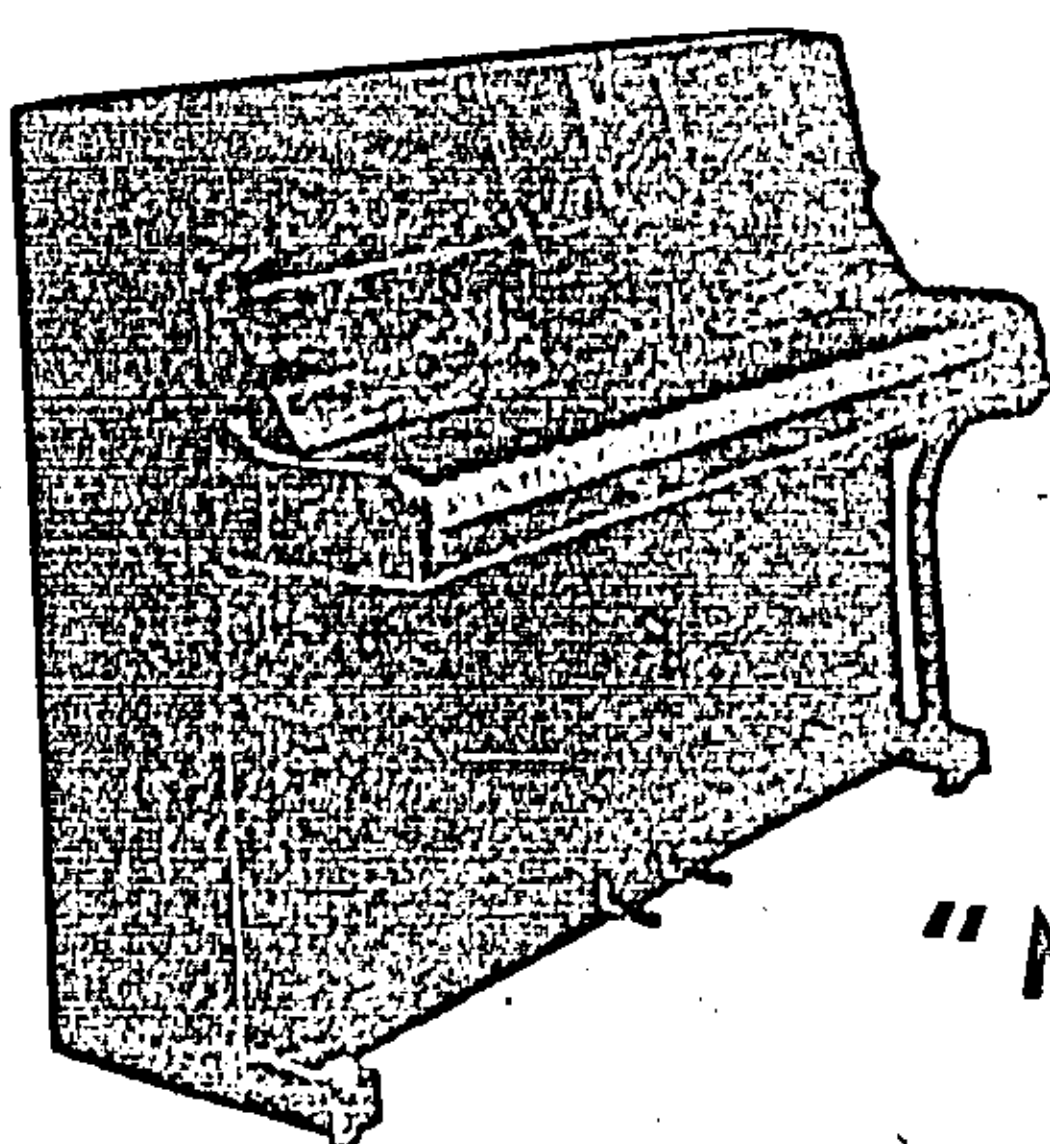
In the sixteenth century one of the retreating galleons of the Spanish Armada was wrecked on Fair Isle.

Two hundred men came ashore and caused a famine on the tiny island. But when they went away many reasons for the present-day Fair Isle crofter having a dark-skinned handsomeness which contrasts strikingly with the usual Shetland blonde complexion.

The Spaniards also repaid the Fair Isle women for their hospitality by teaching them how to knit the Moorish patterns which have made Fair Isle jumpers famous.

Natural beauty, abundant food, the satisfying rhythm of peasant life, and a seasoning of mechanical progress seem (if the guide-books are to be believed) to have produced something approaching a northern paradise in the sixtieth latitude.

I think I must go there sometime—when the bombs have stopped dropping.



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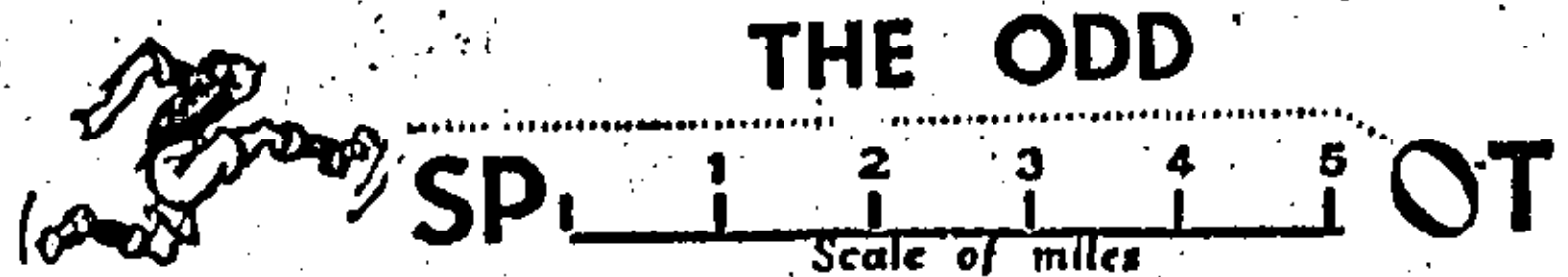
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A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Swansea schoolboy kicked a Rugby football and it did not touch the ground for five miles. It dropped into a motor-lorry passing along a main road by the field, and the game was abandoned while the players on cycles chased the lorry. They stopped it at Mumbles, five miles away.

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEFinns Not
Alarmed

Stockholm, Feb. 15. Hand-to-hand fighting in which the Finns are using their long knives as well as bayonets continued to-day on the Karelian Isthmus. Although the Finns are not discussing the seriousness of the situation, they are not showing undue alarm. They point out that after two and a half months fighting and the loss of about 250,000 men, all the Russians have to show is a preliminary foothold on the outside edge of the Mannerheim Line and a few strips of wild Finnish territory in the north.

Four regiments of tanks are stated to have been used by the Russians on the Isthmus, 150 at Muolse and 250 at Summa.

The Finnish general staff claim that half the total number of Russian tanks so far used have been already put out of action. The remaining tanks, however, are able to advance without land obstacles in the Summa sector where there is a certain amount of open ground and covered snow which has been trampled down and is frozen hard. Bombs as well as shells are still being showered on the Isthmus. On one Finnish coastal port on Lake Ladoga the Russians dropped 500 bombs without gaining a single hit. The Finns are now praying for a heavy fall of snow which will cripple Russian activity on land and air and give the Finnish soldiers breathing space. Russia is using men from a wide area as recent prisoners have come from the Turkish border.—Reuter.

MADE A
SCAPEGOATAsama Maru And
Capt. Watanabe

The story of the stopping and taking over of 21 Germans from the Asama Maru on the high seas about 100 miles off Yokohama by a British warship was recalled when the ship arrived in Hongkong from Japan.

Most of the officers were reluctant to discuss the matter but one member of the crew was a little more obliging. He said the British naval party showed exemplary courtesy and got on very cordially with the ship's officers while they were aboard. "As a matter of fact," he said, "although the feelings of most of us were a bit roused, we felt genuinely annoyed with the German who struck one of the British officers. Even at that time the British kept cool heads and that created a good impression. Personally, I have always liked the British and cannot quite understand the strong anti-British sentiment in Japan," he said.

Everybody on the ship, he continued, was now genuinely sorry for Captain Watanabe, who was very popular. He had no doubt that Captain Watanabe would either be reinstated or given an equally important command before very long—after the whole incident has been finally settled. He pointed out that Captain Watanabe acted in accordance with instructions and not only the Japanese Government but public opinion was now slowly beginning to realise that Captain Watanabe had been made the scapegoat in an incident which was not of his making and which was, in the circumstances, absolutely unavoidable.

"Captain Watanabe was replaced in the heat of the moment, at a time when the whole of Japan was highly incensed, but now, upon calmer reflection, it is fully realised that he did nothing worse than any other Japanese skipper would have done in similar circumstances," he added.

During the voyage from Japan black-outs were enforced every night, making it a little uncomfortable for the passengers, according to them.

Death Roll
Announced

London, Feb. 15. The Admiralty announces the following as missing, presumed killed, when the naval trawler Robert Bowen was sunk by German planes during the coastal raids on Britain on Friday. Lieut. John Clark, R.N., Temporary Lieut. A. S. Wilson, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieut. R. H. Gill, R.N.V.R., was killed when the naval trawler Fort Royal was sunk at the same time. Lieut. Edgar King, R.N., is missing, presumed killed.—United Press.

500 TANKS JOIN
FRENCH ARMY

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Five hundred tanks, ranging from "babies" of two tons to 32-ton monsters, were officially handed over to the French Army by M. Dautry, the Minister of Armaments, somewhere in France to-day.

Thief's Daring
Kowloon Coup

How a thief gained admittance to a flat by calling out "gas" in English then stole the gold wedding ring from a European woman's hand as she unlocked the door was revealed in a report mainly to the police yesterday.

Mrs. Close, of Hankow Road, reported that at 2.15 p.m. yesterday she heard some one call out "gas" in English and thinking that he was the gas inspector, started to unlock the back door. As she turned the key which hung right hand and the door handle with her left the thief placed his hand over hers and slipped off her wedding ring. He then pushed her back, took the key and locked the door on the outside.

The thief was described as being between 25 and 30 years of age, dressed in white clothing with blue stripes, and wearing a felt hat.

Fine Work Of
Life-Boats

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Lifeboats in Britain have rescued over 1,500 lives since the war began, and the gratitude and admiration of the Royal Navy for their services has been expressed by the Lords of the Admiralty.

"They state that they are deeply impressed by the fine service of the crews of the National Lifeboats, especially those on the East Coast. They know that this work has been carried out in foul weather, high seas and bitter cold, none of which has deterred the spirit of courage and endurance, and that these duties have been performed without fear or thought of self."

Brazilian Diplomat
Leaves London

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—On the occasion of the impending retirement and return to Brazil of His Excellency, Senhor Raul Rios de Oliveira, a.c.v.o., a.s.e., Brazilian Ambassador to London since 1925 and doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, Princess Alice of Athlone to-day presented His Excellency with a set of diamond cuff-links.

His wife, Dona Gina, was presented with a diamond bracelet and ruby brooch. These presentations were made on behalf of their many friends in London.

Those present included Lady Asquith and Lady (Austen) Chamberlain.

GOERING BOASTS:
WE CANNOT
BE BEATEN

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before every great battle our watchword has been given.

"We think of Frederick the Great's watchword before his great battles. Although the ground is frozen you men and women stand on the threshold of a battle of production. I am now giving you the watchword for battle," he said.

He asserted that England feels insecure.

"It is ironic that England's fat and bacon cards give a smaller ration than the Germans," he declared and added that millions of tons of British food reserves "lie on the sea bottom around England."

He charged that the British Empire has been built up on "injustice and violence."

"They fooled us in 1918 but never again," he said.

Record Crops

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In a broadcast to agricultural workers to-day, Marshal Goering said that the extreme cold of winter has caused Germany great trouble but spring will demand great labour from all German farmers.

"Although frost still binds," he said, "you are in the midst of preparations for a new battle of production."

Goering said that the last two years had brought record crops.

Germany had increased her production of fat and the consumption of meat and eggs.

"We have laid in ample stocks of raw materials which we cannot produce ourselves. We cannot be defeated economically or in the military field," he said.

Goering then claimed that Germany had a reserve of 7,000,000 metric tons of wheat.

Speaking about the scarcity of coal, Goering said that Germany had ample coal but the German railways were struggling with enormous difficulties. Many tanks were frozen, he said, and the difficulties of transport were therefore insurmountable.

Blockade "Full Of Gaps"

Marshal Goering claimed that the Allied blockade of Germany was full of gaps.

The price of milk and butter would be raised but no-one had suffered hunger.

Britain was imitating Nazi methods and had introduced ration cards like Germany.

Referring to the shortage of agricultural labour owing to the calling of men to the colours, necessitating the employment of women, Goering said: "Despite all our sorrows and troubles, I implore you women to hold out."

He announced that 1,000,000 Poles would be employed in addition to war prisoners.

Cotton Board
To Be Set UpBill Passes Second
Reading In Lords

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The House of Lords to-day passed the second reading of the Cotton Industry Bill designed to promote the exports trade.

Lord Templemore, introducing the Bill, said that exports in the cotton trade were especially vital in wartime since the exports of cotton goods were greater than any other single manufacturing industry.

The Bill provides for the establishment of a Cotton Industry Board, whose main purpose is to assist export trade and also to deal with market research and propaganda.

Prices, as far as necessary, would be controlled by an order made by the Minister of Supply.

Levy On Spinners

The Bill provides for a levy on spinners and also for payments to the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation amounting to one penny in respect of each 500 pounds of cotton.

Lord Templemore, concluding, said that the Cotton Act of 1939 was found too elaborate in war-time conditions.

Lord Strathclyde pointed out that we might have to export cotton goods in bulk as the need for foreign exchange grew, and our necessary imports increased. We might have to take far-reaching steps to sell cotton goods abroad and the present Bill might not be enough. He hoped that the Government was already thinking about greater machinery to help exports in relation to barter and pre-emption.

FINLAND ISSUES MORE
URGENT APPEAL
FOR AID

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principally comprising of provisions. The Finnish coastal batteries on the Karelian Isthmus successfully repulsed all attempts by the enemy to cross the ice and destroyed a considerable number of detachments.

The Finnish Air Force successfully attacked enemy troop concentrations and provision depots.

According to confirmed reports, 10 enemy planes were shot down and one bomber was forced down in Finnish territory.

Bastion Of Our Defences

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press this morning dealt with Finland.

The news that British subjects may enlist for service with the Finnish Army has been welcomed on all sides as just and wise.

Finland's urgent need for help was stressed by the "Times," "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald."

The Finns are overwhelmed, says the "Daily Herald."

The "Times" says that the Soviets have concentrated on the Karelian Isthmus a force more than equal to the whole army available for the defence of all frontiers in Finland.

Although the Soviet losses so far have been 50 to one Finn, this cannot be maintained once the Finns try to recapture the fortified outposts which are now in enemy hands.

The Finns have only a small reserve to relieve the men fighting in the front lines.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that if the Finns can hold out during the next few vital weeks they may be able to gain breathing space to rest their troops and prepare for a big offensive.

If they get this breathing space, it must be turned to account by outside sympathisers.

Both the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" emphasise that the British must be the first to help Finland.

The "Times" says that any army sent to help a small country fighting for liberty cannot be complete without a substantial contingent of Britons.

The "Daily Mail" refutes the suggestion that help for Finland would dissipate our resources.

The Finns, fighting the battle of the century, may yet prove to be the vital bastion of our defence, it says.

Finland Women's Appeal.

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (UP).—"Let your husbands and sons come to our aid and help us fight victoriously for liberty, humanity and justice."

This was the appeal broadcast to the women of the world by fifteen female members of the Finnish Diet to-day.

They emphasised the Finnish love of peace and described the terror of the Soviet air raids.

"With quaking hearts we ask how long the world will allow this to continue. Must a small peaceloving nation fight alone to the bitter end against an enemy many times stronger?" they asked.

WE WON'T BOMB
CIVILIANS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain to-day repeated the Government's pledge not to bomb civilians deliberately.

He reiterated his statement made on September 14, 1939, in which he said that whatever the others might do the British Government would not resort to deliberate attacks on women, children and other civilians for the purpose of mere terrorism.

To this statement he had nothing further to add.

LISBON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Indian Trade Commissioner to the United Kingdom arrived here to-day on a private visit.

Japanese Captain
Denies Charge

MANILA, Feb. 15 (UP).—Captain Silko, of the Ukiyama Maru, has sent a wireless message to the "Philippine Herald" claiming that the Captain Onrubia, of the President Quezon, did not request him to provide lifeboats on which to return to the wrecked liner.

Capt. Onrubia claimed he had asked the master of the Japanese vessel for lifeboats with which to rescue the remainder of the President Quezon's crew but he had refused on the ground that the seas were too high.

ARGENTINE
DONATION£20,000 Sent To British
Patriotic Funds

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Chairman of the British community's Council in Buenos Aires has sent £20,000 to London.

The money was subscribed by the British community to British patriotic funds.

Of this amount £10,000 is being sent to the Lord Mayor of London for the Red Cross Fund and the other £10,000 is going to building loans and the Merchant Service.

An additional £1,000 has been contributed to Admiral Harwood for distribution among the relatives of casualties aboard his three ships who defeated the Graf Spee.

It is semi-officially announced that until now the British community in Buenos Aires has subscribed approximately £6,000. Further contributions is expected to bring the total to over £122,000 by the end of October.

FOUGHT GRAF SPEE
IN THEIR PYJAMAS

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of the wounded, recalled the epic case of a man who, with both legs shot away, told a superior officer that he was doing well "in somewhat adverse circumstances."

Able Seaman Cross, from Bristol, described how the fifth salvo from the Graf Spee killed and wounded many of the Exeter's men.

Stewards on the bridge when the salvo burst. Six to ten were two men standing side by side, and fragments of flying shrapnel killed them both. They were standing by a loud-speaker to communicate, by bugle, orders to the gun crews.

"Eight of 15 men in one crew were killed and the turret put out of action."

"Lieut. Commander Bowen Mansfield, the navigator, was standing in his pyjamas on the bridge leaning over the compass. The same shell-burst killed him and eight marines in the 'B' turret. This was about a quarter of an hour after the action had begun."

"The Ajax, Achilles and Exeter were steaming in line astern when we sighted the Graf-Spee."

"Orders were signalled. Direct Hit With Second Shot. The Ajax and Achilles went full speed ahead, and much to the surprise of the Graf Spee we converged upon her."

"Our first shot passed over the Graf Spee but our second was a direct hit on her control tower."

"The range was about 12 miles and we were all too busy to cheer. The gunnery of the Graf Spee was accurate at first, but after our hit, it became ragged."

Germany To Have
Summer Time

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—For the first time in over ten years Germany is to have summer-time because of the lack of fuel.

Summer-time will be in operation this year from April 1 until October 3.

A Busy Day On
Stock Exchange

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, oils and Kaifirs closed firmer on better support, but elsewhere the tone was irregular.

Textiles were well-bought on a reported shortage of stock. Rubber was firm on a better trade demand and a larger United States January consumption.

Tin eased owing to speculative profit-taking. Wall Street was irregular.

King Visits New
Shipping Building

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King discussed mercantile marine matters when he visited the new building of the Chamber of Shipping here to-day.

The King, who is a Master of the Merchant Navy, showed himself to be an expert in affairs of ships and men who sail the seas under "the red duster."

No Military
Pact With RedsNazis Deny Reports Of
New Agreement

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Reports published abroad that Russia and Germany have signed a military alliance have been categorically denied by official circles in Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter."

He adds that Wilhelmstrasse officials believe that the news originated from the satisfactory conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia, and they declare that Germany is quite capable of defeating Britain and France alone without Russia.

Germany does not want military help but does desire neutral neighbours to supply her with raw materials to enable her to break the blockade.

While they are naturally closely watching the outcome of the Franco-British appeals to neutral countries to enter the war, Berlin officials, according to this newspaper correspondent, state that they do not want to see Italy and Russia involved against France and Britain.

Support
For GandhiNew President For
Indian Congress

BOMBAY, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, an eminent Muslim, has been elected President of the forthcoming Indian National Congress to be held at Ramgarh Bihar next month.

Maulana Azad has already received over 1,000 votes, while his opponent, M. N. Roy, the Communist leader, has received over 100.

Like Gandhi, Maulana Azad opposes Nazism and would support India's participation in the war if a settlement was reached between the British Government and Congress.

Roy is opposed to war in any event. The verdict may be taken as overwhelming support for Gandhi.

Obituary

Electrical
Pioneer

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Colonel Rookes Evelyn Bell Crompton, "father of the electrical industry," aged 94.

He was the first to instal electric lights in Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Holyrood Palace and in some of London's biggest buildings.

He did pioneer work at Mr. Churchill's request in 1915 in connection with the construction of land-ships which were the forerunners of to-day's tanks.

Colonel Crompton took out a corps of electrical engineers to the South African war.

HOUSE OF LORDS'
SECRET SESSION

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords this afternoon, Lord Ponsonby asked the Government to arrange a secret session to discuss matters arising from the war.

Lord Noel-Buxton and Viscount Cecil supported the request.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, declined to accede to it on the ground that better results would be achieved if the Lords concerned took the opportunity of discussing privately with members of the Government the questions which they had in mind.

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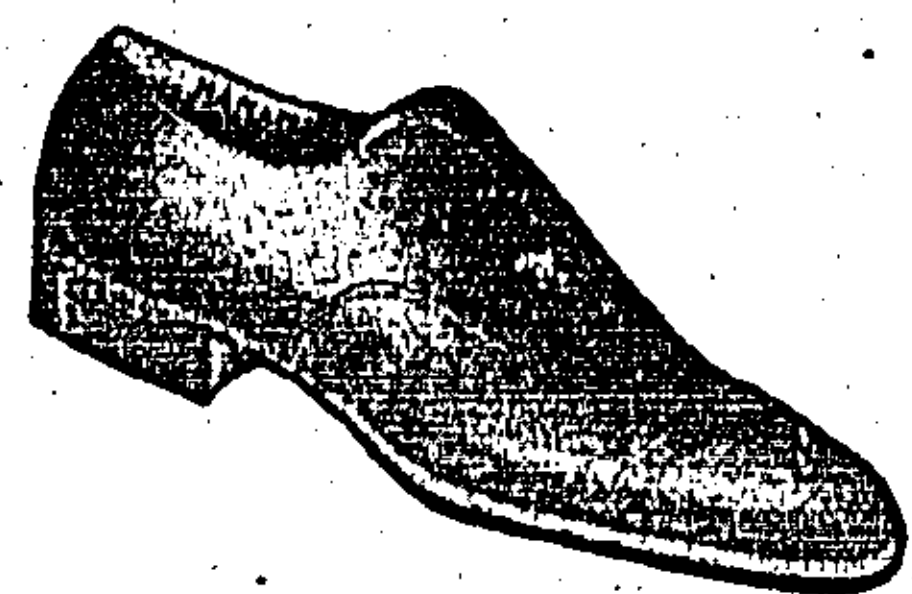
LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, in reply to a question, said that he was confident that there had been no disclosure of proceedings in the House of Commons in the recent secret session, and that it would be evident to any member who was present that the article thereon in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" was not based on any authentic information regarding what was then said but was published for purely propaganda purposes.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

1940 ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TO-MORROW SEVERAL WORTHY CONTENDERS FOR HONGKONG'S DERBY

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be staged to-morrow, when at 11.30 a.m. sharp the first saddling bell will be rung announcing the opening of their 1940 racing season. The Annual Carnival will be continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, terminating next Saturday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two First Prizes Instead Of One

Sir,—Judging by the sales of the Derby Sweep tickets for the last four days, I am wondering if the prize money could not be split into two firsts, two second prizes and no on. At the rate its selling now, the first prize would be about \$250,000 and with the expenditure of \$1, the lucky winner should be quite content with a \$125,000.

NOT GIVEN.

An Answer To The Soccer Problem

Sir,—With regard to your knotty soccer problem in to-night's issue of the "Telegraph," may I submit the following answers:

1. Salgon could have packed their goalmouth if they desired, apparently they did not understand the rule.
2. As long as the second South China player was behind the ball when it was last played, he could not under any circumstances be off-side, and as the referee was right on top of the play, the goal must have been a good one.

W. M. GLOVER.

BRITISH ARMY BEAT FRENCH BY 1-0

RHEIMS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The British Army beat the French Army by 1-0 at football to-day. The Britishers adapted themselves better to the tricky ground, and displayed an all-round superiority.

After keen early exchanges, Stephenson, the English International inside-left, headed into an open goal in the 20th minute of the game. Play thereafter was very exciting, with the French making desperate efforts to equalise, and on one occasion, a difficult cross-shot struck the inside of the upright before rebounding into play.

BACKSTROKE RECORD

CHICAGO Feb. 14 (Dome).—Three new world records for the backstroke were established to-day by Adolf Kiefer.

The new records were:
50 yards—20.9 seconds.
100 yards—11.4 minutes.
1,000 yards—12.34.5 minutes.

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Tremendous Interest In The Sweepstake

The Racing Club will enter into a new era to-morrow, for after a continuous annual run of over half a century, the disappearance of the Wong-Noi-Chong Stakes and the Valley Stakes (both for China ponies, subscription griffins of the current racing season) on the programme has been surmounted by replacing three sections in the Sydney Maiden Stakes confined to Australian ponies, subscription griffins of the meeting, and several handicap events for old Australian and China gee-gees.

There is no doubt that all means of access to the race-course will be heavily taxed and it can be safely said that we shall see one of the biggest crowds ever assembled at the Valley on Monday on account of the popularity manifested in the special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby, which sale, at the time of writing has exceeded over 520,000 tickets.

NEW SALES RECORD FOR DERBY SWEEP TICKETS

A new record has been set for the sale of Derby Sweepstake tickets. When the Jockey Club office closed yesterday afternoon, about 590,000 tickets had been disposed of. By 10 a.m. to-day sales had topped the 600,000 mark. This made the sales for yesterday around 70,000.

The present first prize, after deducting the percentage for the British War Organisation Fund and the Fund for Relief of Distressed in China, would be about \$190,000.

Assuming that the Sweep reaches 700,000, the first prize would be about \$225,000.

The stage is well set, the Grand Stand and all the private boxes have had a good "dusting up," and there is as usual a lovely display of seasonable and beautiful flowers on the lawns. Picking-of-flowers is against one of the rules of the Club.

Those, who are unable to attend the meeting before lunch, are reminded that the fifth event on the first four days of racing is timed to run off at 3 p.m. after the fifth interval.

I sincerely trust readers will appreciate that it is not an easy job to give tips, owing to the fact that practically all the ponies have two or more engagements per day at the big meeting, and, therefore, the task of ascertaining where they are going to start has always been a knotty problem for racing writers. Without

any help from the owners there is no other recourse than to employ horse-sense to the best of one's knowledge. Before commenting on the prospects of various candidates for the first day of the big meeting, I would like to drop a few lines on what I had the pleasure of seeing over the week-end.

WEEK-END OUTINGS

Worthy Contenders For The Derby

THE stretching of China ponies (bona fide griffins of this season) at the racecourse last Saturday, coupled with the gallops on Sunday, has given me a good line to solve the burning question "What is going to win the Hongkong Derby." Of course, the nomination of 34 candidates (Leading Time and Royber on the walking list) for the most exclusive event of the Colony can truly be boiled down to a dozen worthy contenders, and alphabetically they are Burford, Craighavard, Dupont Bay, Eve of Dancing, For All Time, Grether, Johnner, Mount Hope Bay, Ohio, Possible, Satinlight and Spiclight.

My best three are Burford, Mount Hope Bay and Satinlight. I may be taking a wrong course, but I have good reason from the observation made to follow Satinlight as the star candidate of the Shanghai challenger's string. There is, however, a strong current rumour running down Ice House Street (Colony's curb exchange) that Spiclight is the good horse to have your money on, but personally I cannot give much credence to the Rialto's report.

MOUNT HOPE BAY

I AM going to avoid wearying the readers with a complete list of the best gallops done by each individual candidate during the early morning, but a review of my favourite's (Mount Hope Bay) performance of last Sunday will not, I trust, be out of order.

Mount Hope Bay was sent over the champion course and Mr. Dunbar's bay stallion took 2.30.4 to cover the journey of 1 1/4 miles, coming home in 20.5 seconds for the last quarter.

It may be interesting to know that the last half mile was a fifth of a second inside one minute, and the last mile was run in 2.03.4.

I was much impressed with the flash, and in the circumstance I have no other alternative but to vote Mount Hope Bay annexing the Hongkong Derby to be run on Monday.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE FIRST DAY



The constant stream of people up and down the stairway of Exchange Building terminates at the office of the Hongkong Jockey Club. This is a view of the building where folk from all walks of life join in the general rush for tickets in the Derby sweep.—Staff Photographer.

Entries And Handicaps For Events To-morrow

ENTRIES AND HANDICAPS for the events of the opening day (to-morrow) are as follow:

CHALLENGE CUP

12.00 noon.—Bear Claw (161), Confusion Bay (161), Eve of Harvest (158), Galaxy (158), Happy Eve (158), Just in Time (161), Navylight (161), Racylight (161), Red Feather (161), Satinlight (161), Spiclight (161).

BENDIGO HANDICAP

12.30 p.m.—A Great Time (150), Baffin Bay (160), Cocklerol (145), Courtling Eve (150), Criffel (150), Devonian (155), Double Finesse (140), Lancashire Chips (155), Strathroy (152), Tornado Star (148), Vixen Tor (152).

MAIDEN STAKES

1.00 p.m.—Alexandria Bay (161), Attacking Time (158), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Care Free (161), Charlesber (161), Clembur (161), Common View (161), Craighavard (161), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Hunting (158), Eve of Peace (158), Eve of Reason (161), Eve of Rest (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gay Star (161), Grether (161), Hillsboro Bay (155), Hopeful Star (161), Jane Doe (161), Johnner (158), Kentucky (155), Lauraber (161), Law and Order (161), Leading Time (161), Little Prince (155), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ohio (161), Ojibway, Into Emont Bay (161), O-Lan (158), Omaha (161), Oomph (158), Osage, Into Rosy Time (155), Palber (161), Patricia (161), Possible (158), Prince Charming (161), Racylight (161), Resisting Time (158), Ronson (158), Rose Perfect (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Silver Wings (161), Smashing Through (161), Spiclight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158), Xenophon (161).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

1.30 p.m.—A Good Time (152), Albury (155), Amicus Curiae (155), Ascot Day (155), Australian Diamond (155), Australian Prince (152), Blunell (155), Forchard Drive (152), King's Chalice (155), Lucky Lady (155), Many Thanks (155), Melody Star (155), Nancy Lee (152), Powerful Kid (155), Princess Clara (152), Quick Despatch (155), Rowan (155), Shuttlecock (152), Spring Shine (152), Surprise Again (155).

CURRAGH HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

3.00 p.m.—Boat Bay (163), Comberment Bay (160), Dawn Star (140), Factorite (158), Galveston Bay (150), Laughing Girl (140), Lovely Star (150), National Pride (148), Rose-Queen (163), Royal Highness (153), Scenic View (147), Tampa Bay (159), Tim (161).

CORAL HANDICAP

3.30 p.m.—A Grand Time (162), A Great Time (160), Baffin Bay (160), Chiltern (159), Cocklerol (145), Criffel (150), Devonian (155), Lucky Lad (162), Strathroy (152), Tornado Star (150), Triumphant Day (146), Winfred (152).

TRIAL PLATE

4.00 p.m.—Alexandria Bay (161), Attacking Time (160), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Care Free (161), Charlesber (161), Craighavard (161), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Hunting (158), Eve of Peace (158), Eve of Reason (161), Eve of Rest (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gay Star (161), Grether (161), Hillsboro Bay (155), Hopeful Star (161), Jane Doe (161), Johnner (158), Lauraber (161), Law and Order (161), Leading Time (161), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ohio

Jockey And Ponies

THE ABSENCE of Messrs J. Pote-Hunt and T. L. Wong from the saddle on account of the share market boom in Shanghai will no doubt be much felt by Messrs. Li Po-chun and Li Lan-sang.

It is learned that Messrs. B. L. Tao and P. Y. Wei will look after Mr. Li Po-chun's long string of animals, while Mr. V. V. Needa will be up on the Dynasty's lot and Mr. T. K. Li's bunch of griffins.

Mr. F. ("Peanut") Marshall does not require any introduction, but Mr. C. F. Gam, who is here in the interest of Mr. E. W. Bradbury's array of ponies, can be recommended as a first class jockey. Mr. L. H. Howell, who hails from Tientsin, is a free lancer, and so is Mr. Sam Judah. Mr. Eric Moller has brought down two jockeys, Messrs. C. B. and R. B. Moller, and both will don their father's chocolate gold braid, red sleeves, and cap. A dearth of jockeys will not be felt.

Watford Defeat Clapton Orient 2-1

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In the South "A" Section of the English Regional soccer League to-day, Clapton Orient lost to Watford 1-2.

(161), Ojibway (161), O-Lan (158), Osage (155), Patricia (161), Racylight (161), Ronson (158), Rose Charming (161), Rose Elegant (161), Rose Perfect (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Smashing Through (161), Spiclight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

4.30 p.m.—Alber (155), Big Wedge (155), Catterick Bridge (152), Circe (155), Comedy Star (155), Contact (152), Grand Allegiance (152), Income Tax (155), Jungle Princess (152), Kilt (152), Lovely Kid (140), Maple Star (152), Perola d'Oriente (152), Piccadilly Jim (152), Pumelo (152), Radon (155), Sapper (155), Venus Bay (155), Viceroy (155), Winnie (155).

CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

5.00 p.m.—Advancing Time (163), Clowner (140), Guinness Time (155), Elmer (140), Soldier of China (150), Strathroy (152), Sunlight (150), Sylvandale (144).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)

5.30 p.m.—A Green Time (152), Brown Dorby (152), Busylight (152), Calrntoul (155), Cheerful Star (155), Connleber (152), Fair Chance (155), Far View (155), Flying Dutchman (152), Franklin (152), Gald Day (152), Longdon (152), Mint Julep (152), Sea Jay (155), Shine Again (155), Sparrow (152), Springhurst (152), Vanity Fair (155), Warrego River (152).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS

THE CURTAIN RAISER of the Annual Carnival will be the Challenge Cup for China ponies over a distance run of 1 3/4 miles, which is the same course as the St. Leger, and the classic is worth winning.

Mr. Eric Moller has been holding the first log since February 27, last year, and if Navylight is saddled to capture the second, I am afraid his chance is a poor one.

Confusion Bay has already qualified for the Champion Stakes at the Extra Meetings held during the second half of the 1939 season, and in the circumstance I have reason to believe that the American owner will send out this pony so that the Cup may not fly to Shanghai.

The finish should therefore be Confusion Bay, Eve of Harvest and Navylight.

BENDIGO HANDICAP

A Speedy Trip

IN the Bendigo Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I fancy Mrs. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, but the John Peel's contender, Cocklerol or Criffel, is dangerous enough to upset the apparent.

Courtling Eve and Double Finesse (both by Double Court) are nicely weighted, the latter being set to carry only 140 lbs. It is a sprint and all the above are speedy workhorses.

MAIDEN STAKES

Big Field Expected

WE are bound to see a big field in the Maiden Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting, and the jaunt is over the six furlongs course.

With due respect to all the gate practices, the youngsters at the annual big meeting generally seem to be overawed at the starting post by the variegation of racing colours and the presence of large crowds with the result that it is not unusual to see good sprinters being badly left.

However Dupont Bay, Gay Star, Johnner, O-Lan, Possible, Racylight, Spiclight and White Diamond are a few that will likely face the start. My choice is "Navylight, Dupont Bay and Johnner.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

(First Section)

THE first public appearance of this season will be seen in the Sydney Maiden Stakes, and the event has been divided into three sections to avoid overcrowding the field.

A lot depends upon the start, and punters are advised not to overlook the position of the draw, preference should be given to No. 3 to 9 inclusive.

A bunch of 20 ponies has been assigned to the first section by the draw, and we have here a good number of others such as Albury, Amicus Curiae, Ascot Day, Australian Diamond, Flanist, Many Thanks and Melody Star.

The order of the finish, I expect, will be Ascot Day, Australian Diamond and Melody Star. The last named is a progeny of Double Court.

CURRAGH HANDICAP

(First Section)

THE Curragh Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies will be the first event after the fifth interval, and the run is over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in.

In the Last Chance Handicap run on December 10, the winner Rose Flanist (140) was beaten by a length, but Mr. E. W. Bradbury has joined the "B" company, and in the circumstance Mr. L. Dunbar's pony should give a good account of herself. Galveston Bay has done a lot of amah work during the last two months, and the mare is well keyed.

I expect Mr. Needa will take out Royal Highness, leaving Boat Bay to Mr. S. W. Pan. I prefer the former, but I do not expect Royal Highness will turn the tables on Galveston Bay. National Pride is in fine condition and the stallion is a good outsider. Laughing Girl may find the distance not to her liking.

CORAL HANDICAP

A Long Journey For The Australians

A GOOD fight is assured in the Coral Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, but I do not expect to see a good field owing to the fact that it is a distance outing over 1 1/4 miles. Furthermore, I have reason to believe that a Grand Time and Lucky Lad will not accept (both being set aside under 162 lbs.), because in the Melbourne Cup over the same distance on Monday, both 1939 champions have to draw only 154 lbs.

However, Baffin Bay and Devonian are in the hands of Mr. Dunbar's Russian trainer, and it looks to me that Lady Northcote's candidate will weigh out. Devonian is looking extremely well, his coat shining like an apple, and with Mr. Black in the saddle the combination is hard to beat.

Chiltern has some good poundage to carry, but Cocklerol, Tornado Star and Triumphant Day have been heavily treated. The low weights are dangerous. Remember Triumphant Day does not like a hard going.

TRIAL PLATE

First Log Of The Daily Double

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Trial Plate for China ponies, bona fide griffins of the meeting, and the excursion trip is over the champion course of 1 1/4 miles. It has been the custom for the good 'uns to evade one another before the running of the Hongkong Derby, and it is therefore, hard to make a selection of the probable starters.

It may perhaps not be known that Burford is under suspicion, but there is every possibility of the pony starting in the big classic.

I doubt if Mount Hope Bay will appear before the clerk of the scales, for the American owner has in the past reserved his best for the Blue Ribband.

Taking everything in the balance it seems that the Trial Plate will be a gift to the Shanghai challenger, and I figure that Spiclight will be saddled for the event. The mare should not have any difficulty in passing the post first after her dazzling performance of a mile in 1.57.4 run on Wednesday morning. I was glad to witness the gallop because it confirmed the report which I received from Shanghai that Spiclight had done a mile there in 1.54, and the news was published in my notes of February 2.

If Satinlight is sent out instead of Spiclight, the stallion is just as good. Craighavard and Johnner should fill the lower positions in the frame.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

(Second Section)

THE second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes for Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting, over six furlongs should prove interesting, for Sapper and Viceroy have been drawn together to fight the issue out. In addition there are After, Contact, Grand Allegiance, Jungle Princess and Venus Bay.

It may be of interest to know that Contact and Venus Bay were sired by Double Court, but both offerings are young and they appear to be very "green."

I vote Sapper with Viceroy and Jungle Princess to follow in the rear.

CURRAGH HANDICAP

(Second Section)

THERE should not be much trouble to find the second leg of the daily double in the Curragh Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies over a route of the two miles post, once round and in. Advancing Time looks good, and with the owner-jockey claiming 6 lbs. allowance, Mr. Ho Hong-pla should be able to present his card for the first prize. The Fanning hurlers (Clowner and Sylvandale)

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LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood that a civic luncheon will be given to the officers and men of H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax at Mansion House next week.

Final arrangements have not yet been made but it is expected that Mr. Winston Churchill will be present.

R.A.F. Casualty List Issued

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A communique from the Air Ministry reports that the latest Air Force casualties are nine killed in action, three missing believed killed in action, one died of wounds received in action, seven missing, 12 killed on active service and 17 died on active service.

Brutality Disclosed In Official Statement

NAZIS TRY TO STAMP OUT POLISH PEOPLE

PARIS. NAZI determination to exterminate the population of Poland, notably the intellectuals, is shown in all its horror in a semi-official statement issued by the Polish Press Bureau on German atrocities in Poland.

The Polish Government estimates that 18,000 leading men and women in all classes of society have been massacred by the Germans since the Nazi occupation of the country and "the slaughter still continues." Immediately after entering Poland the Germans started mass executions among the Polish population. They undertook to destroy all the Polish leaders in Pomerania, Poznan and Silesia; not only political leaders but also all members of the clergy and notable figures in economic circles.

Shot By Troops

German troops, immediately they set foot in Poland, shot a certain number of priests, lawyers, doctors and tradesmen. In Silesia the members of the Association of Silesian Insurgents who in 1919-1921 fought to liberate Silesia from German domination were massacred.

At Bydgoszcz the German Army killed several thousands of Polish inhabitants. Slaughtering of this kind took place in all the towns of Poznan, Pomerania and Silesia.

Then came a long series of mass executions, the authors of which were S.S. and Gestapo. These executions continue over Western Poland and are of a particularly bestial nature, aiming at exterminating all the population.

"Long Live Poland"

Generally these executions take place in public in the principal squares of towns and villages, especially on market days.

As an example, five Poles were shot in the market place of a small provincial town, Szamotuły, about October 20 last year.

At a certain hour members of the S.S. closed the streets which overlooked the market place. The five young Poles were then placed against the wall. Before dying they cried, "Long live Poland!"

After the men had been shot by a firing squad, the officer in command of the S.S. detachment again shot them in the head. Those who saw the scene wept and women fainted.

Made To Dig Graves

After the execution a priest, a doctor and a lawyer were ordered to take the bodies on a cart to the cemetery, where they were made to dig the graves and bury the victims. At Koszalin, the parish priest, a landowner, and 48 of the inhabitants were shot. At Gneszno, Abbe Zablocki, known and respected by everybody, and 14 Polish workmen were shot.

At Bydgoszcz, 136 Polish college boys, some of whom were only aged 12 and 13 were shot. The college boys, as German eye-witnesses themselves stated, behaved in a heroic manner. While facing death they sang the Polish national hymn.

In all, up to the end of December, the Germans had shot at Bydgoszcz about 6,000 Polish men and women. Streets and squares on certain days flowed with blood.

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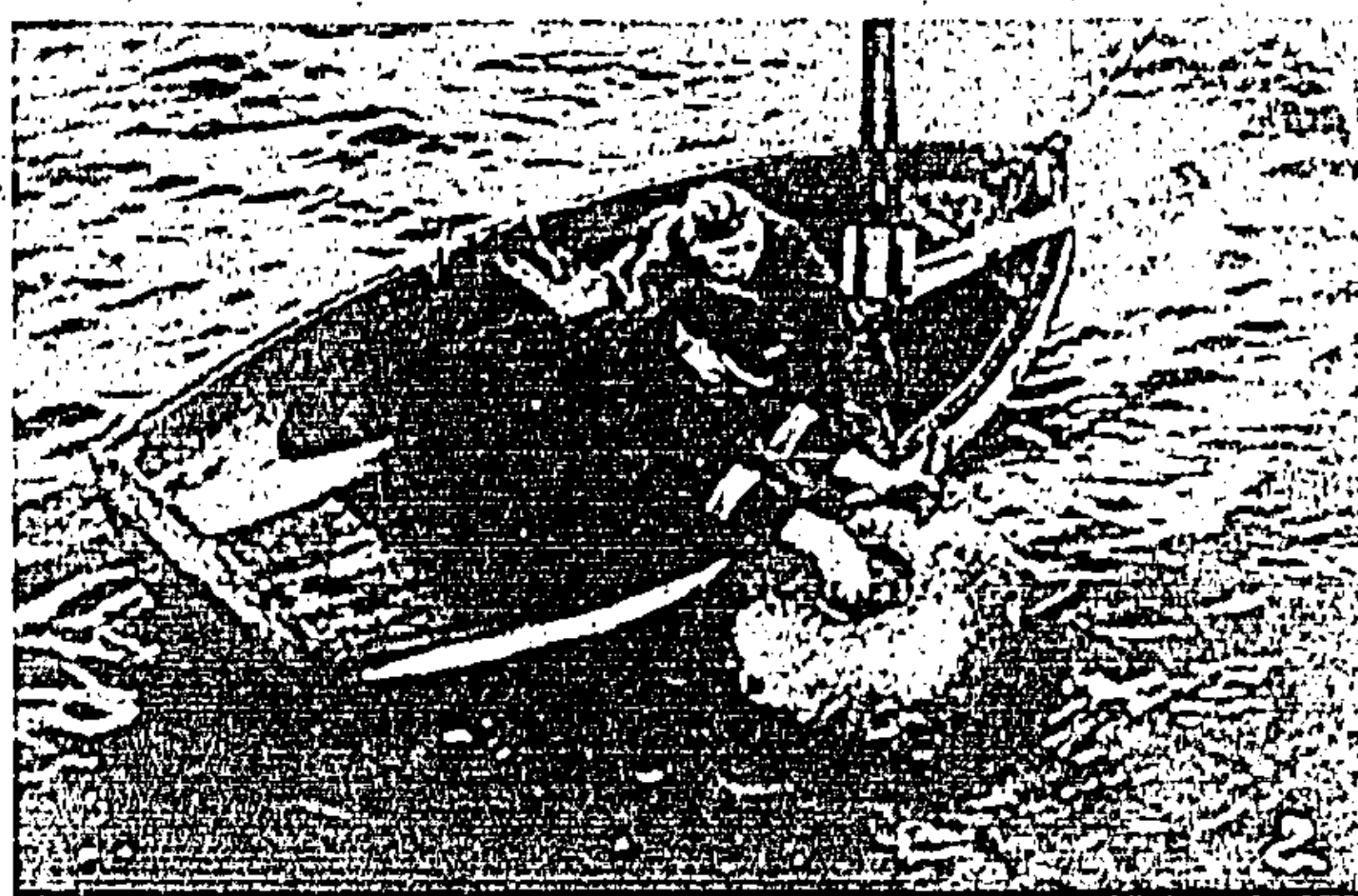
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Python Breaks Two Years' Fast

LONDON.—The 15-foot hunger-striking python of Manila broke its fast of two years and four months to-day by swallowing five chickens in quick succession.

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This, it is stated, was established by a python, at the Paris Zoo which fasted two and a half years.

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FIFTH U-BOAT BELIEVED SUNK BY DESTROYERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The destruction of at least four U-Boats—the best bag of the war—is Britain's reply to Nazi threats.

News of the Navy's excellent work has been received enthusiastically in London.

Morning newspapers publish pictures of U-Boat survivors arriving under military escort, leading to the belief that a fifth U-Boat has been destroyed nearer home, since no mention was made of survivors in the Admiralty announcement of the earlier sinkings.

The "Daily Herald" interprets Germany's announcement of unrestricted warfare on neutral shipping as evidence of the extension of Hitler's megalomania.

"He thinks himself entitled to issue decrees backed by threats, not only to apply to German people, but to the people of the whole world."

Retribution For Murderers

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—According to the Bergen "Aftenblad", a U-boat blew up and sank, apparently as the result of action by a British destroyer, before it could sink a torpedo which was intended to sink a Norwegian vessel.

The crew of the Norwegian ship and 31 survivors of the Norwegian motor-vessel Snesstad, whom they had rescued, had already taken to boats but when the submarine sank they returned aboard and brought the ship safely to Bergen to-day.

The Snesstad, a 4,114 ton ship bound for America, was torpedoed on Sunday after the crew had been warned to take to the boats. They were picked up next day by another Norwegian vessel.

Formosa Had Raid Jitters Japanese Planes Were Mistaken For Chinese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIPEI, Feb. 15 (Domei).—The Formosan Garrison reveals that a state of alarm was caused by six Japanese army planes which were thought for a while to be hostile craft.

The announcement by the Formosan Garrison headquarters states: "Air raid alarms were sounded in northern Formosa on Tuesday upon receipt of a report that six planes of unknown nationality were approaching the island. Later it became known that the machines were Japanese army planes aloft on a training flight which had changed their plan of flight due to weather conditions. Reassurances were thereupon given and the state of alarm lifted."

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—The Sind Cabinet has resigned. It has had no majority in the Assembly since the Hindu party withdrew its support.

BRITAIN TO CALL UP ANOTHER 200,000 MEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—It is officially learned that all the aged 23 will be called up next Saturday.

The total is approximately 250,000 but this number is expected to be reduced to 200,000 by the exemption of those in reserved occupations.

Men of 25 years of age will be the first of five classes which are liable to be called up this year. It is expected that those aged 27 will be called up about November.

It is officially stated that the army has risen from 600,000 to over 1,200,000 during the year ending January 31.

MEASLE WOGS LIBELLED!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—London, just recovering from an epidemic of "blitzflu," is now suffering from German measles!

But London newspapers are referring to the latest epidemic by its Latin name of "rubella."

After all, doctors say, it's hardly fair on the measle wogs to tag them with the name "German!"

Roosevelt May Meet European Leaders Secret Cruise In U.S. Destroyer

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—Considerable speculation has been aroused here by a cryptic remark made by President Roosevelt to newspaper representatives prior to his leaving for a holiday cruise in the cruiser Tuscaloosa.

President Roosevelt said it might be fair to assume that his sea trip would combine business with his holiday.

Speculation arose because President Roosevelt did not choose to deny a question put to him as to whether there was a possibility that he would make contact with British, French and Italian authorities during his cruise.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that the President might extend his cruise to a region where the neutrality patrol vessels are keeping watch along the fringes of the Gulf of Mexico.

THE HAGUE, FEB. 15 (REUTERS).—IT IS LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A SERIOUS VERBAL PROTEST TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, PENDING THE DISPATCH OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, CONCERNING THE TORPEDOING OF THE STEAMER, BURGERDIJK.

It is understood that the Netherlands will demand full compensation.

It is stated in authoritative circles that although the possibility of the Commander of the U-Boat having acted contrary to his instructions was not excluded, this would not free the German Government from its responsibility for "an absolutely unjustifiable act."

SERIOUS OBJECTIONS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Netherlands Government has informed the German Government of its serious objections to the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Burgerdijk.

The Government is also preparing a written protest. It is understood that damages will undoubtedly be demanded.

An authoritative source here to-day stated that the German Government will be regarded as responsible for the outrage even if it is claimed that the commander of the U-boat acted against instructions.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK

ROME, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—According to the official Italian news agency, the Italian cargo steamer, Giorgio Ohlsen, sank off the coast of Great Britain yesterday after striking a mine. She was a 5,694 ton steamer and had a crew of 32.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—Lord Lothian had a long talk with Mr. Cordell Hull, as a result of which progress is being made on plans to keep American ships from being sent to British control bases within the war area.

It is hoped to arrange for a control base outside this area.

A Brutal Act

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Senator Key Pittman told the Senate that if Germany sinks any American vessels, it would be "a brutal act and would excite this country perhaps to an extreme point."

London Not Surprised

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—Germany's threat to torpedo all neutral ships which appear to be bound for Britain or which are approaching British Contraband Control bases causes no surprise in official circles in London, learns "Reuters."

These circles have known for a long time that the Germans have been subjecting neutral ships to this procedure under these very circumstances.

The only difference now is that the Germans are openly boasting of their intention and capacity to sink neutral ships without warning. Doubtless it is an endeavour to frighten all neutral vessels away from the North Sea, the Channel, the Bay of Biscay and the Atlantic approaches to France and Britain entirely.

This is tantamount to a demand that the Scandinavian nations, Holland and Belgium should cease sending out their ships altogether, since the German threat is so broad that it would menace shipping on any seas which give access to the Western Powers.

There is every confidence in official circles in London that no neutral will be deterred by this threat.

British Censorship

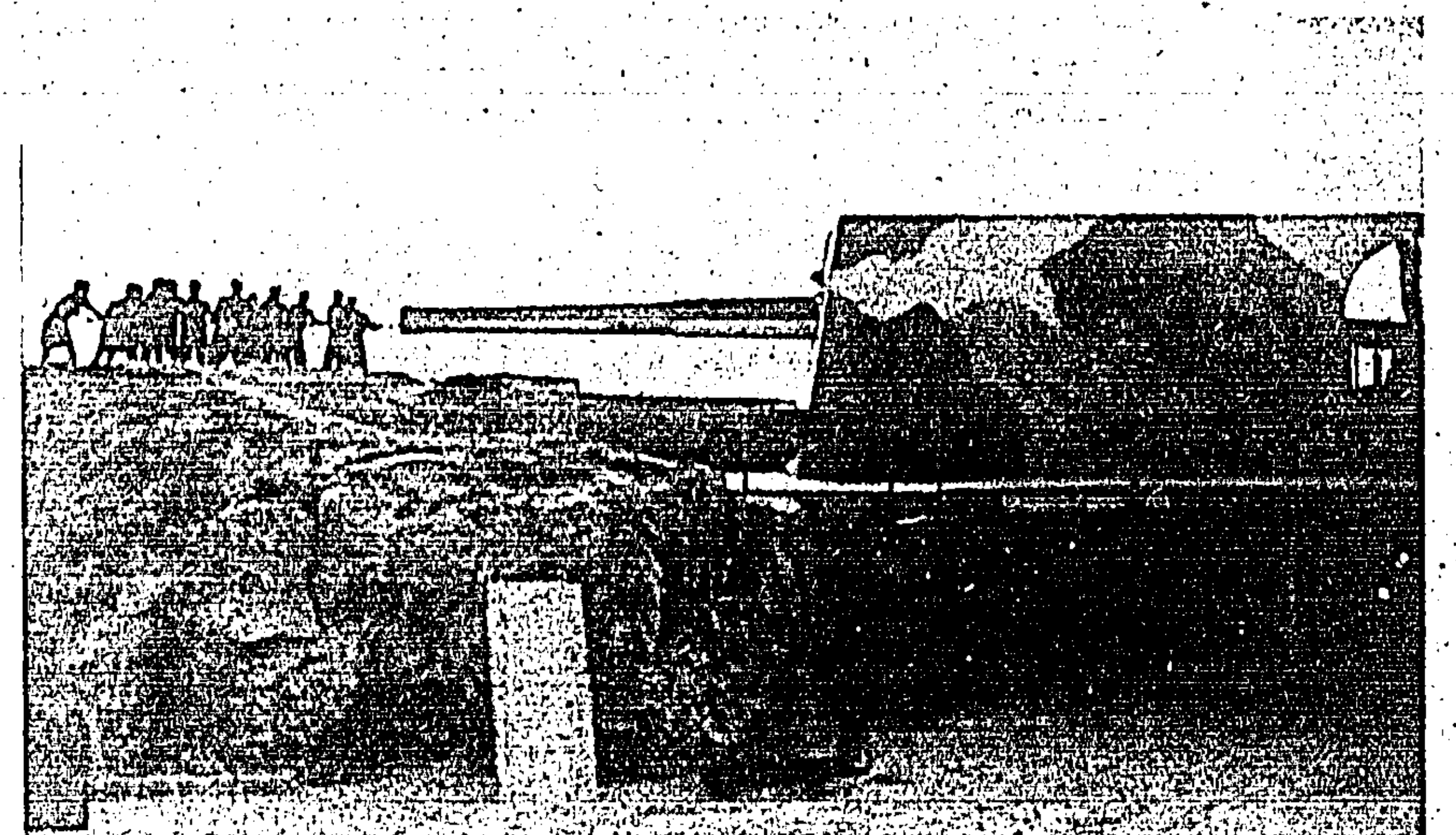
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—Senator Champ Clark introduced a Bill in the Senate, seeking to prohibit Pan American Clippers from landing at Bermuda in retaliation for British censorship of United States' mails.

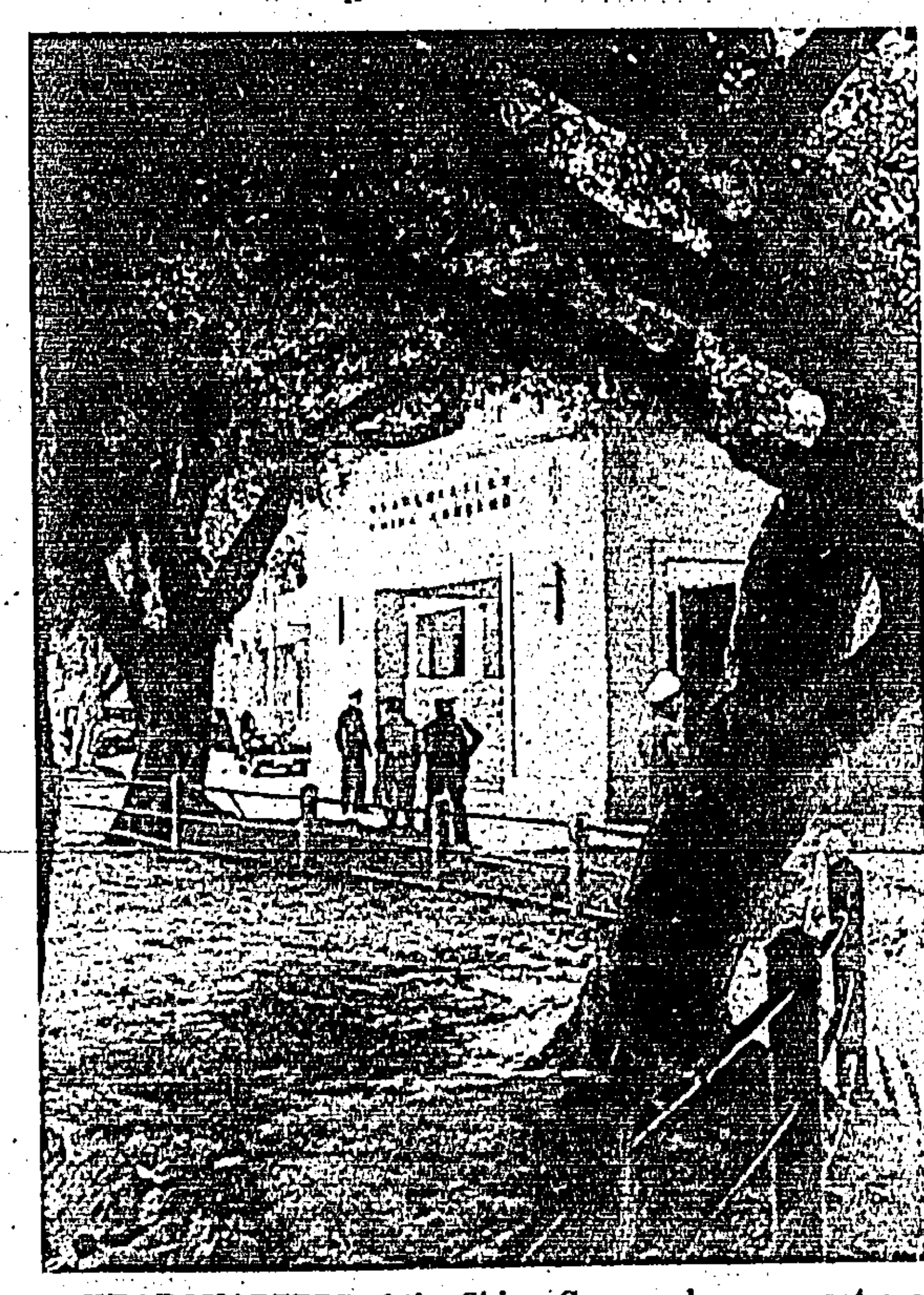
He told the Senate the British were "filting" the mails and on one occasion detained the Clipper on which Ambassador Kennedy was enroute.

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HONGKONG PREPARES: Below we publish the first of a new series of photographs, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



ONE OF THE BIG coast defence guns that will defend Hongkong in event of an enemy attack. Cleaning is a job for more than a dozen huskies.



HEADQUARTERS of the China Command, nerve centre of Britain's defences in the Far East.

Goering Boasts: 'We Cannot Be Beaten'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (UP).—"The Greater Reich cannot be beaten militarily, economically or morally," declared Field Marshal Goering in a broadcast to-day to the farm men and women of Germany.

"The English should recognise this," he declared.

He summoned the farm workers to redouble their efforts during the coming year to offset the extreme cold of this winter and the Allied blockade.

"Germany is on the threshold of a battle of production," he contended.

Goering emphasised the German preparedness for war and claimed that the Reich Government has seven million tons of wheat and grain stored in reserve.

"We Are Not Starving"

"We are not starving," he declared, "we have not got too much, but we certainly shall not starve."

Officials refused to disclose from whence the broadcast was made. Goering began his speech at 6.15 p.m.

"German farm men and women, PLEASE Turn To Page 7."

Blitzkrieg: All The Latest

German Offensive In Mid-March?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (Domei).—Germany's much-heralded "Blitzkrieg" is to start in mid-March.

At least, that is the latest date set by the man-in-the-street in Berlin, who is somewhat bewildered at the constant promises that such-and-such-a-date will be "Der Tag".

There are indications, however, that Hitler may indeed be preparing to launch his spring offensive within the next three or four weeks.

Reservists are being called up throughout the country and Germany has now extended mobilisation to Austria.

Official circles claim that the reorganisation of the German air force is now completed. They assert that German factories are now producing 2,000 warplanes a month, as compared with the Allied monthly production of 1,600 planes.

Soldiers' Leave Cancelled

All leave for soldiers has been cancelled as from to-day, and a general conference of Nazi military leaders from the various fronts has been convened by Hitler.

Military sources believe that the Nazi offensive, when it is launched, will take the following form:

- 1.—Intensification of aerial and submarine warfare with a view to destroying Allied means of transport.
- 2.—Complete blockade of Britain by submarine and aerial warfare.
- 3.—Surrender of Germany's small fleet by sending all vessels out on fire.

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Finland Issues More Urgent Appeal For Aid

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—It is pointed out here that although the Russians, as a result of almost two weeks pounding away with heavy loss of life and men, have captured a few outposts of the Mannerheim line they have another ten miles of tank traps, machine-gun posts and barricades to go through before they can hope to penetrate the line itself.

In an interview with the Press, M. Kallio, the President of Finland, made another appeal for foreign help.

He hoped that Finland's case might stimulate countries abroad to help her.

Nevertheless Finland would continue to fight, he said, with help or without help. "We are faced with the extinction of our nation," he said. "We must fight to the last."

In order to help relieve the pressure on the men at the front, the Finnish Government yesterday issued posters calling men of between 43 and 44 years of age to the colours. They must report.

Attacks Repulsed

The official communiqué issued to-day also states that in the Summa sector the Finnish troops have successfully defended all enemy attacks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked on several occasions but all the attacks were driven back. The Finnish troops destroyed or seized about a hundred convoy units.

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LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

New Details Of Epic Encounter Disclosed FOUGHT GRAF 'SPEE' IN THEIR PYJAMAS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—Commander Robert R. Graham, of H.M.S. Exeter, who still carries 15 pieces of shrapnel in his body from the River Plate action, said that his lasting impression of the battle was the way the men behaved, particularly the wounded who were "really magnificent."

"We had expected great things of them, but their behaviour was far more wonderful than even we could conceive," he said.

Commander Graham added that during the action they came within 8,000 yards of the Graf Spee.

The Commander had a shrapnel wound in his face and other injuries to his legs.

Lost Both Legs

Leut. Commander Smith, the Torpedo Officer, speaking of the bravery

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POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th February. Feb. 16. Shanghai Feb. 17. Australia and Manila Feb. 17. Haiphong Feb. 17. Japan and Shanghai Feb. 17. Canton Feb. 18. Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Feb. 18. Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 18. Straits Feb. 18. Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 20th Dec. 1939). Feb. 19. Haiphong Feb. 19. Haiphong, Hobei and Fort Bayard Feb. 19. Japan Feb. 19. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th February. Feb. 20. Canton Feb. 20. Formosa and Swatow Feb. 20. Japan Feb. 20. Saigon Feb. 20. Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 20. Straits Feb. 20. Straits and Manila Feb. 20. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 14th February. Feb. 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Feb. 16
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th February.
K.P.O.

Parcels, Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Parcels, Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 23rd February.
K.P.O.

Reg., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 17, 7:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17

Japan Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Sundays, Feb. 18

Parcels, Feb. 17, 5:00 p.m.
Ord., Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 19

Canton Feb. 19, 7:15 a.m.
Dairen Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m.
Haiphong Feb. 19, 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hobei Feb. 19, 1:30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) Feb. 19, 2:30 p.m.
Canton Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Shanghai Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m.
Canton Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.
Haiphong Feb. 20, 12 p.m.
Japan Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th Feb.
K.P.O.

Reg., Feb. 20, 5 p.m.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

The Evening Institute will re-open on Monday, 4th March, 1940. Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Office, Fire Station Building, or at the Trade School, Wantan.

W. L. HANDYSIDE,
Director.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9:30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February. (Race Meeting).
Hongkong, 14th February, 1940.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand do.	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	52 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/4
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	100 1/4
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	105 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	107 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
30 d/s India	13 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.05

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$ (c.d.)	1,405 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	2 x d. 85 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	2 x d. 87 n.
Chartered	2. 9 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. C.	31 n.
Mercantile, C. C.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	212 1/2 b.
Union	470 a.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	180 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas	100 b.
Steamboats	104 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	74 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	102 n.
Docks	22 1/2 b.
Providents	4.00 b.
New Eng. Sh.	33 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$ (x.d.)	33 n.

MINING

Kallen s/-	18 n.
Reeds	18 n.
Yong G. S.	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 c. n.

LANDS

Hotels	5.05 b.
Lands	30 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Sh. Lands	20 n.
Humphreys	7 1/2 b.
H.K. Realities	4 1/2 b.
Chinese Estates	191 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	18.45 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	10 1/2 n.
Star Electric	40 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	7.00 b.
China Lights (new)	5 n.
H.K. Electric	57 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	20 b.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	25.00 b.
Telephones (new)	10 n.
Traction	10 1/2 n.
Traction (Fret)	10 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$ 14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$ 12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	19.10 b.
H.K. Ropes	5 1/2 b.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old)	22.30 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 n.
Watsons	9.00 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	1.80 n.
Wing On (S.)	1.40 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	30 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	17 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	40 1/2 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	7.10 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 8% 1920	50 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	100 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	95 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4 n.

London "Sunday Despatch" Reveals Mr. Skeels' Activities FORMER PRO-NAZI LEAGUE OFFICIAL STARTS ANOTHER "CLUB" IN LONDON

"HITLER LIKES US. WE MUST BE FRIENDS"

MR. SEROCOLD SKEELS, a former member of the Council of the Nordic League, the pro-German body dissolved on the outbreak of war, has become chairman of a new organisation, says the London "Sunday Despatch."

It is called the Holborn Public Speaking Club, and through it Mr. Skeels is giving regular lectures to audiences which include young British men and women in their very impressionable early 20's.

Mr. Skeels is a man who continues in the last war. So why should he not be a friend of Germany?

That Germany's terror campaign of magnetic mines is justified. That the British blockade of Germany is "war against women and children."

The members of the new club include British Fascists, ex-members of the Nordic League, and members of the Peace Pledge Union.

The object of the club, in the words of its chairman: "To provide guidance and a rallying centre with a view to effecting a spiritual revival for the regeneration of Britain as a virile Christian nation."

M.P. Candidate
In addition to having been a member of the Nordic League Council, Mr. Skeels has been

Parliamentary candidate for Cambridge on behalf of the United British Party.

Was a member of the Imperial Fascist League, by which he was "disowned" in 1934. He is a member of the Peace Pledge Union.

Was cheered by 150,000 Germans when he spoke before the war at a Nuremberg congress of the Nazi Party, at which he was introduced at the microphone by Julius Streicher, Hitler's friend and arch Jew-baiter of Germany.

He told the assembled Nazi legions: "The anti-Jewish Fascists of England, the Imperial Fascist League, whose representative I am, bring greetings to you. We fight with Hitler against the Jews. We know full well that the question before you is: 'Are you for the Nordic race or are you for the Jewish nation?' We desire friendship between Germany and England."

"We are young Nordic brothers and never again shall war be waged between our peoples. On my return to England I shall tell the truth for Germany. You have won in spite of all. Our fight begins. Hell, Hitler."

Doorman's Fascist Badge
To attend the latest lecture which Mr. Skeels gave to the club I went up four flights of stone steps, lit by pallid blue lights, to a house in Holborn. (It was the house in which the Nordic League used to meet.)

A doorman wearing a Fascist badge passed me into a room where young men and women, a clergyman, and some elderly men sat round tables talking.

Then I met Mr. Skeels, a middle-aged, grey-haired man. "The club exists," he told me, "to discuss subjects of public importance. The people who come to the lectures naturally include some of those who used to assemble to hear lectures given in the same hall before the war."

I asked Mr. Skeels to explain his politics. "I am a National Socialist," he said, "and I hope to go one better than the Austrian who first thought of it. I have been Parliamentary candidate once and I will stand again as a National Socialist."

"We must have National Socialism here, though it must be adjusted to suit the British character."

"As the British Government strenuously proclaims that they are fighting for freedom, the Holborn Public Speaking Club demands the rights of free discussion and free association as patriotic Britons."

"No Jews"
"Can anyone attend your meetings?" I asked.

"We do not admit Jews," was the reply.

War with Germany, says Mr. Skeels, is a grave mistake. "I am absolutely against this war," he said. "We cannot gain anything from it. Hitler never wanted war with us. Of that I am certain. Remember that Ramsay MacDonald was opposed to the last war and afterwards he became Prime Minister."

"Hitler likes us and so does Hess. We would have been better to have let Hitler have the borders and the Duchy of Warsaw. I am certain he would have had no more demands."

"Some German friends of mine," he continued, "have told me that Germany will not bomb Britain. I believe that. But they will alter their minds if we bomb them."

"As a past member of the Nordic League, I think we should be friendly with Germany as they are a Nordic people."

"This country intended to go to war with Germany for years. The only thing in it now come at the wrong moment. Our 70-year-old Prime Minister was stamped into it."

"People are saying that the Germans have no right to use the magnetic mine. The Americans used

'Quins' Are Born In Theatre Spite Attack by Submarine



MISS PATRICIA BURKE presents five spaniel puppies born in a dressing room at the Coliseum, London, during rehearsals for the pantomime "Cinderella."

"Mein Kampf" Purged Of Tribute To Us

By WILL FRISCHAUER

I HAVE just heard some details about the new edition of Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

This is what Hitler thought of Britain's soldiers when he committed his Great War experiences to paper in 1923:

"In Germany, the schools, the daily Press and the comic papers had gradually created a picture of the Englishman's character and of his Empire which led to a catastrophic self-deception."

"His consequence was an under-estimation of the British, for which we had to pay bitterly."

"This self-deception was so complete that most people were convinced that the Englishman was just an astute but incredibly cowardly shopkeeper."

"It never occurred to the lofty professors who taught us all this that an Empire he also of Britain had not been brought together just by underhand tricks and petty swindling."

"I well remember the astonished faces of my comrades when, in Flanders, we faced the British troops personally."

"After the first few days of battle the conviction dawned on us that these men were not quite the proposition put to us in the comic Press and the newspaper stories."

These references have been omitted from the new edition of "Mein Kampf," which is mainly destined for German front-line soldiers.

There is also no trace of Hitler's abusive remarks about Russia and Bolshevism which appeared in the original version of the book.

Russia Buys More American Wheat

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—It is reported by local export quarters that Russia has purchased between three and five cargoes of Pacific Coast wheat, presumably for shipment to Vladivostok.

A U-BOAT commander fired three torpedoes at the British steamer Uskmouth. Each missed.

Then, with ruthless spite, he shelled the defenceless steamer with shrapnel at close range. Two of the crew were killed as they tried to escape.

S.O.S. messages were sent. A French warship arrived and, it is believed, sank the U-boat, thus avenging one of the most brutal attacks made by a German submarine.

The full story was told in London this month.

It was nearly eleven o'clock on a clear night in the Bay of Biscay when the officer on the watch on the bridge of the Uskmouth saw a torpedo track passing close ahead of the ship.

The Uskmouth's helm was put over and, as the ship was swinging, the track of a second torpedo passed close to the bows. Then, as the Uskmouth was still swinging, the track of a third torpedo was seen. This passed astern.

Sailed 120 Miles

Thus the Uskmouth dodged three torpedoes fired without warning, but she was not to escape. The U-boat surfaced and opened fire with her guns. As the crew were taking to their boats the Germans used shrapnel.

A shell bursting over the upper deck killed the third officer and one of the seamen.

The remainder of the crew lowered a lifeboat. Blinded with blood, the wounded chief officer just managed to reach it.

The submarine was still shelling when the lifeboat, with twenty-two men, pulled away from the ship 120 miles from land.

By magnificent seamanship the lifeboat sighted land before being picked up.

Inseparable pals since boyhood, Sydney Wells and Ray Boswell, of Grimsby, both aged twenty-two, have been separated for ever by a German torpedo.

Both were junior engineers in the steamship Navasota when the vessel was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic last month. Wells is reported to be safe at Cape Town, but his pal is listed among the missing.

Mr. Boswell, of Fairfax-road, Grimsby, has received official notification that his son's name was not included in the list of survivors.

HE KILLED TWO BANDITS: MEDAL

A private who killed two bandits has been awarded the Military Medal.

He is Private Thomas Alfred Smith, of the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), and his courageous act took place at Beit Lida, Palestine.

Smith was one of a platoon of a company advancing towards Beit Lida. As they came over a terrace they were fired on at close range by a bandit.

Without the slightest hesitation, Smith rushed straight at the man and shot him dead.

When another bandit fired from a similar position, Private Smith again went straight at the man and killed him.

"A.R.P. MARINES" UNITS FOR NAZI MINE VICTIMS

LONDON. Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea or attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-guns. The casualties need the quick possible attention. There is a call to shore for first aid parties.

Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to sea at the moment the call comes, at any hour in the day or night.

On a recent occasion two first aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles offshore which had on board survivors of another ship which had been torpedoed. There was a heavy sea running and the casualties had to be transferred from the ship to the trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions.

There were fifteen persons all suffering from extensive superficial burns. It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care—one especially as he had a broken spine.

The squads administered first aid treatment under these conditions and took the casualties off and landed them—British Wireless.

The "A.R.P. Marines"—as they have been nicknamed—are a result of the German war on shipping.

THE LION HAS WINGS—the Epic Film Story of the R.A.F.

RAID OVER ENGLAND

By Ian Dalrymple

NINE Nazi bombers were speeding grimly towards our shores.

With face as solid as granite, the pilot of the leading Nazi bomber bent over his controls. An observer looked down and whispered swiftly and urgently to his pilot.

The latter looked and swore. Looming up like formidable, ghostly scaffolding was the balloon barrage.

Up, up, up, the bombers climbed seeking to avoid that mesh of metal. They dare not face the strands that could cut through their planes like wire through cheese.

With a resigned shrug the pilot jerked his thumb in a circular movement. That meant "Home," and his observer grunted approval.

Better to get out while the going was good. To rise above the barrage would prevent them being able to bomb with any accuracy.

Taking their cue from the squadron leader, the Nazi planes circled.

In the Fighter Command room their movements were recorded. A corps of telephonists sat waiting; connected with headquarters they were alert for every message.

They sat around a giant plotting table on which was a map of the East coast of Britain and the shores of Germany.

Small models of British and German planes were on the map, and like croupiers in a macabre game of roulette, they pushed these model planes into position as fresh information came over the wires.

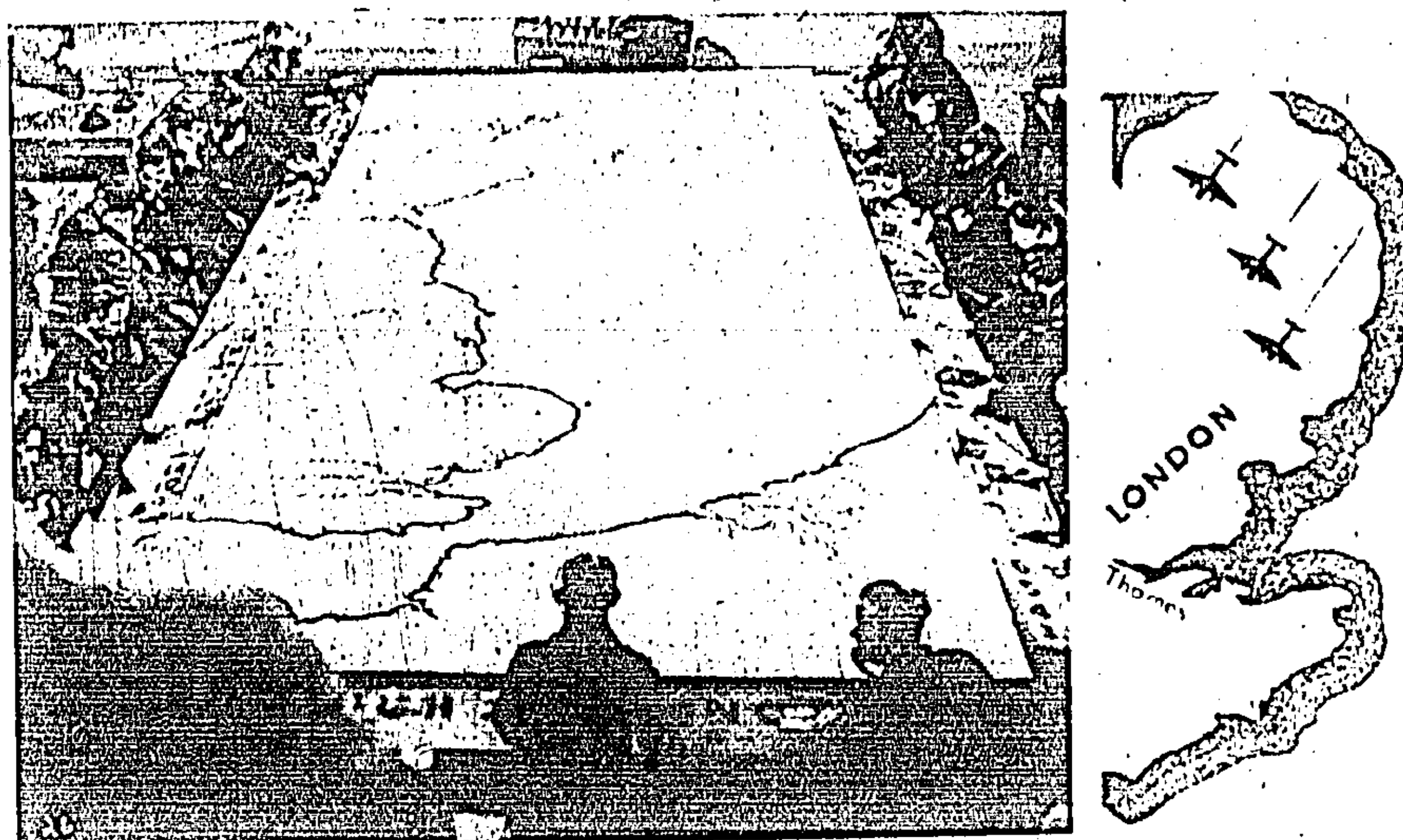
These are the men who can never relax. Britain sleeps soundly, knowing that they never sleep.

With uncanny accuracy the progress of the approaching raid was recorded. Whilst, way up in the skies, it was soon to take place in dreadful reality.

Again the C.I.C. spoke into the "phone." "Braxford? They're heading east, on the run!" "Very good, sir," replied Ralph Richardson in charge of the Braxford Defence Station. He replied the receiver and lifted it again to speak to the flying field. "Take off," was his brief order.

A new squadron of Spitfires hurtled up into the sky, racing for the coast like black bullets.

Onward the Nazi bombers flew. They crossed the coastline, and



The Central Control Room of the R.A.F. Command, where orders are issued for our fighters to take off.

their pilots and crews breathed with relief. Above the sea, they were all set for home and safety.

But the British fighters were overtaking them and gradually the distance between the Nazis and their pursuers was being eaten up.

Richardson made radio contact with the Squadron Leader, who was peering through the darkness of the night from his cockpit, seeking some clue to the whereabouts of the retreating planes.

"They should be due east, in front of you," said Richardson.

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THERE was nothing to be seen in the waste of skies. The Squadron Leader spoke into his microphone to the pilot of the neighbouring Spitfire. "Can you see anything, Fred?" "No luck," replied Fred.

Suddenly the other's eyes narrowed. Fred also had caught sight of a flight of planes, like minute, distant specks. "What's that on our right?" he snapped.

Followed hurried words into the microphone. "Sunflower calling Station Control. Calling Station Control. Enemy sighted. I am overtaking fast."

The Squadron Leader put his Spitfire into full throttle and approached closer to their prey. "Sunflower calling Station Control. I am

about to engage . . ." he reported. Then . . . "No. 3 Attack. GO!"

Barely were the words uttered than his machine swooped like a vulture. Down rushed the other Spitfires as the Nazi bombers, hopelessly outstripped in speed, turned to engage the flashing attackers. They were in a tough spot, and knew it.

The Spitfires had the range. Lead poured into the bombers' fuselages as one of them burst into flames and fell to the grey sea below.

With uncanny precision and courage the Spitfire pilots took their planes into close range, flooding the enemy with gunfire and then zooming away above the Nazis.

There was a tense silence in Station Control as, through the loudspeaker, could be heard the incessant noise of gunfire.

Richardson had been waiting in agony. Now, through a microphone in one of the Fighters not having been switched off, he had the further tantalisation of sound without sight.

The whine of the planes mingled with the crackle of shots, then suddenly ceased, to be replaced by an ominous silence.

Richardson's knuckles gleamed white as his fists clenched.

"Hullo, Sunflower calling Station Control. Sunflower calling Station Control. Four hands down. . . ."

"Four?" echoed Richardson. "Good work!"

The voice from the skies proceeded. "Remainder have escaped in clouds. No casualties. Repeat, no casualties. May I have permission to return?"

"Calling Sunflower. Return at once. Good work!"

Richardson turned in delight. "Four . . . four! Fine work. I

bet none of the other stations got four!"

As the "All Clear" signal flashed, a messenger entered with a note from the Commander-in-Chief. Ralph read it: "Very pleased with work of stations."

"All units engaged in to-night's action to take their spell of rest immediately."

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WITH eager steps he walked into the drawing-room of his house. "Darling," he called. There was no reply. "Hey!" he yelled. The house was silent.

Into the room tiptoed his wife, Merle, radiant in her Red Cross uniform. She stole softly to the settee, looked with amused affection at her husband, and gently tickled his nose. Ralph sat up-right with a start.

"Hullo! Where've you been?" "Night shift," she replied.

Richardson grinned. "This is a fine war! Women go out and their husbands wait at home for them."

"And how long have you been waiting?" "Must be a full minute!" he chuckled. "I've got twelve hours off. We've had a pretty concentrated stretch lately."

"Any luck?" asked Merle. "Oh, yes, everything went to schedule. Very much so!"

Merle smiled. "Poor darling, you must be tired. I'll get you some breakfast and then you can go to bed."

Ralph leaped to his feet. "No. Look, let's get the car out and go down to the river for a couple of hours, shall we?"

Merle's eyes sparkled. "Lovely, darling. I was hoping you'd suggest it. And we've just got enough petrol."

A crisp sparkle flicked the morning air as they headed for the river.

Cool breezes stirred with the late autumn warmth of the rising sun. Merle nudged closer to Ralph. "Isn't this perfect?" she breathed.

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HERE were two people in love, like many thousands of others. Two people trying, if only for a golden hour, to forget the shadow that clouded the world.

For a moment no word was spoken and then, tentatively, Merle murmured: "Darling," to the out-stretched figure at her side.

"Mmmm!" mumbled Ralph, drowsily.

Her fingers twined in the grass as she spoke softly and hesitantly. "I couldn't help thinking as I sat in the rest-room last night, with nothing happening, only the drone of our own engines . . ." she paused and looked wistfully across the river.

"Well, I was thinking about women."

"I was thinking how for centuries in this country they've given their lovers, their husbands, their sons, first to the earth to defend their land, and then to the sea, and now to the air. They've never complained. Often and often they've lost the one man in the world that counted, that expressed the whole of life to them."

Her voice quickened with a sudden, passionate emotion. She was speaking for all women in that moment.

"They bitterly resented the stupidity and brutality that made it necessary, but it was never questioned." She half-rose, and her face was radiant.

"We must keep our land, darling—we must keep our freedom. We must fight for what we believe in—truth, beauty, fair play, and—kindness, so that even if we don't live to enjoy life founded on the good things, at least our children may. Eh, darling."

She stopped suddenly, as if embarrassed at her own outburst. She turned to her husband and then laughed. For he was asleep, as only a man tired out by responsibility and concentrated effort can sleep.

Nothing disturbed the peace of that perfect morning.

Slowly Merle's eyes turned to the distant blue heavens that, only a few hours before, had been heavy with evil. Moving swiftly across the cloudless sky was a flight of British planes, glistening high in the sunlight.

The soft purr of their engines broke the silence.

Far afield, ad astra. Through trials to the stars!

The enablers of the clouds were at work. The lion's wings can never fold.

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A very soft, loose-end permanent has turned this little girl's straight, unmanageable hair into soft, shining ringlets in a natural arrangement, considered ideal by Lura de Gez, hair stylist.

Child's Beauty Habits Insure Loveliness

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE moment a little girl shows signs of taking an interest in her own good-looks is the moment to begin teaching her how to care for her hair, says Lura de Gez, well-known woman hair stylist. The beginning of vanity can mark the beginning of good beauty habits that will cling to her through life, and for which deeper as she combs it into place. The cut-in wave, is slightly less expensive than a good permanent and is better for the child's hair. The up-keep, however, is slightly more as the hair must be shaped every month or so, depending on the rate of growth.

One of the widespread ideas about children's hair that she wants to debunk, is that permanents are injurious to a child's hair. This was once true, when a permanent wave was a risky thing even for thick, coarse hair. But permanent waving at the hands of an expert to-day is safe for any child from the age of two onward. Hot irons, metal curlers and sharp bobby pins to often used to curl children's hair can do much more damage than a permanent waving machine.

But it is important to have the child's hair waved properly. No setting should be necessary, as you will want at all costs to avoid the fussy appearance of any but loose, naturally curling ringlets. An ideal little-girl coiffure, she says, is permanently waved to give softly curling ringlets at the ends, trimmed into a medium bob and then brushed into shining smoothness over the rest of the head. The hair is never set. Just washed with the mildest shampoo liquid, dried with soft towels and fluffed out with the fingers when nearly dry.

Every mother knows a child's hair is easier to keep dressed when there is some curl. The clever and sincere hair stylist never recommends a permanent where one is not needed, however. If a youngster has a natural tendency toward curliness or if her hair is soft and fluffy, she prefers a cut-in wave, and teaches the child how to brush and care for it, coaxing the waves in

She stresses the necessity for keeping the scalp immaculately clean and healthy through this period. Proper scalp care, she says, will prevent and actually help close up many cases of acne. The routine of hair care for the average little girl includes a hot oil treatment once a month, a shampoo with an alkaline-free liquid soap every two weeks, followed by a mild lemon or camomile rinse, and daily brushing sessions of at least fifty strokes night and morning, with the head bent forward or back and the brush moving outward from the scalp so it tugs at the strands of hair and exercises the scalp while it does its polishing job.

Little girls should try new ways of wearing their hair often. It develops a sense of her own good points and will help her to make the best of them later in life. Pride in nice hair and a flattering arrangement will help make her less self-conscious about other faults that are less easily corrected, too. It is good for the hair to change its arrangement frequently, as hair combed endlessly the same way has a tendency to thin out at the temples.



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Ways With Left-Overs

SANDWICHES are often left over, but there is no need for them to be wasted. If they are toasted outside, top and bottom, and served hot, they will be delicious next day.

If you have some cold potatoes left over from dinner, cut them up finely. Dice some beefsteak with a little onion. Mix the vegetables together, seasoning with salt and pepper and a little mustard. Decorate with thin slices of tomato or egg, and you have a supper dish fit for a king.

Left-over suet pudding can be served up again in an appetising form by cutting it in slices and frying to a golden brown. Serve with cream or custard.

Small odd scraps of bacon should never be thrown away as useless. They can be made into bacon moulds by chopping and mixing with half the bulk of breadcrumbs, grated onion, and bits of tomato. Bind with a beaten egg, add pepper and salt to taste. Put into small greased moulds, and top with breadcrumbs. Bake or steam till set.

Bacon fat must never be left over, especially in war-time. It is useful for cooking purposes. Eggs are better when fried in bacon fat, and omelettes cook better in it than in butter. It is also excellent for greasing tins before baking buns or pastries. Very little is needed, as it spreads so thickly, it may favour the cakes. It is, of course, the ideal fat in which to fry potatoes.

Using Ham Scraps

However carefully ham is carved there are some scraps always left over. A tasty way of using them is to mince finely and add a thick brown sauce made with an ounce of stock and flour to a gill of brown stock. Season with pepper but no salt, and pile the mixture on to rounds of hot buttered toast. If liked, a poached egg can be slipped on top of the ham.

Another method with ham scraps is to bake in a custard made with three eggs and a pint of milk. Add a chopped, fried onion and season with pepper. This is a novel lunch, or supper dish.

Did you know that mushroom peelings and stalks are well worth saving for flavouring soups and sauces? All you need do is put them on a tray in the oven and let them dry thoroughly. Then hang in a paper bag until required for use.

Here is a good recipe which makes a change from the usual "fried-up" way of serving everyday left-overs. Skin and slice half a pound of tomatoes, slice some cold boiled potatoes and cold meat. Place a layer of meat, a layer of potatoes, a layer of tomatoes, seasoned with pepper and salt, then a layer of potatoes in a casserole. Continue in this way until the dish is full. Bake in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Bread and butter is often left-over after tea. Try this way with it. Trim off the crusts and break up the bread. Layer the pieces alternately with sliced apple sugar to taste, in a buttered pie-dish. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and two tablespoons of water. Bake in a moderate oven for three-quarters of an hour.

Homely Hints

BEFORE filling a cushion pad with feathers or down, rub over the inside surface of the material with hard soap and the tiny quills cannot work their way out.

When furniture is badly scratched, apply equal quantities of turpentine and linseed oil with a soft rag, and when dry, polish.

If white silk has been scorched, make a paste with bi-carbonate of soda and cold water and leave on the mark until dry.

To separate tumblers which have become stuck, stand in warm water and fill the inner one with cold water.

M. L. B.



And so to bed. A housecoat of gray and rose striped silk and rayon faille is handsomely trimmed with rose-coloured braided frogs. The warm nightie is of white botany flannel with an insert of pink elastic satin.



This square necked night-gown adds heading of ribbon to accent the outline and to head an additional lace ruffle through the bodice front. The inset corselet is used and the skirt is full cut. In pink sheer with blue ribbons.

Culinary Economies

THE skins of carrots and onions should be added to the stockpot, as they contain valuable salts, and the water in which macaroni, beans, peas, lentils, and rice have been boiled should also be kept for stock.

Bread scraps need never be wasted. Soaked in milk or stock they make the foundation of fillings for pastry cases and sweet or savoury puddings. They may be transformed into rusks, croutons, and bread sticks, fairy toast, char-lottes, and innumerable sweet dishes. Old pieces may be dried, rolled, and stored in tins, to emerge as thickeners for sauces, steamed puddings or a garnish for casserole dishes.

The left-overs of thick pickles, finely chopped with their liquor, will make a useful addition to soups and savouries or to improve the gravy. The strained vinegar remaining from clear pickle is useful for seasoning.

Cold mashed parsnips, seasoned and mixed with grated cheese, make delicious butterless sandwiches, especially with brown bread.

When making marzipan using for a cake, use only half the stated quantity of ground almonds with the same amount of grated sponge crumbs and several pence will be saved.

After using the mincer for meat, put a piece of stale bread through. This prevents waste and removes all grease from the machine so that it is easily washed.

A tablespoonful of vinegar makes an excellent substitute for an egg in a large cake where several eggs are required.

When using brown sugar for baking or sweet-making, first mix with a little milk. This makes it as smooth as caster sugar.

Do not discard hot water bottles because their stoppers have become worn and loose. Screw the stopper into a circle of channels leather, such as the top of an old glove, and no leakage will occur.

If a lump of sugar is placed in the cheese dish it will keep the cheese fresh and free from mould.

Left-over potatoes might form the basis of potato and cheese souffles, scones, or pastry. They would be welcome in such dishes as cottage pie, Dutch pudding and Scotch eggs, or with the aid of a forcing bag, look decorative on salads.

M. L. B.

TO minimise the stain of a bad scorch mark, wring a cloth of very hot water, dip in glycerine and sponge gently. Rinse out by sponging with one part peroxide of hydrogen to four parts of warm water, and rinse finally with clear warm water.

Mince-meat Flan

FOR those who dislike the pastry of mince pies this mince-meat Flan will be welcome.

You require—Four ounces self-raising flour, 2½ ozs sugar, one egg, two tablespoons milk, half pound mince-meat.

Melt the margarine, add the sugar and egg, and beat all well together. Then stir in the flour, lightly, and finally add the milk. Knead to a well-greased flan mould. Put in the mixture, and bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes till mixture is a light biscuit colour. Turn out and allow to become cold. Heat half-pound mince-meat slightly to make it spread more easily, and fill in the flan with it. Decorate with halved glace cherries and blanced almonds.

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Evacuation of School Children Upheld

Government To Prepare New Plans

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A statement on the evacuation problem was made by Mr. Walter Elliott, Minister of Health, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Elliott said that the Government remained convinced of the desirability of the dispersal of children from the evacuating areas.

Plans, therefore, had been prepared with the object both of retaining in the reception areas as many as possible of the 400,000 children still there, and preparing for a further large-scale evacuation to take place if air-raids developed on a scale involving serious continuous bombing.

It would be for Government to decide, in the light of prevailing circumstances, when these plans were to be put into operation.

Queen's Appreciation
The Queen desired to show her appreciation of the great public spirit shown by those house-holders who during the last six months, had sheltered children unknown to them and had provided for the children home and sympathy of incomparable value.

To each of these house-holders, the Queen proposed to send a personal message as a token of her recognition of their services to others.

Support For Gandhi New President For Indian Congress

BOMBAY, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, an eminent Muslim, has been elected President of the forthcoming Indian National Congress to be held at Ramgarh Bihar next month.

Maulana Azad had already received over 1,000 votes, while his opponent, M. N. Roy, the Communist leader, has received over 100.

Like Gandhi, Maulana Azad opposes Nazism and would support India's participation in the war if a settlement was reached between the British Government and Germany.

Roy is opposed to war in any event.

The verdict may be taken as overwhelming support for Gandhi.

No Military Pact With Reds

Nazis Deny Reports Of New Agreement

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Reports published abroad that Russia and Germany have signed a military alliance have been categorically denied by official circles in Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter."

He adds that Wilhelmstrasse officials believe that the news originated from the satisfactory conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia, and they declare that Germany is quite capable of defeating Britain and France alone without Russia.

Germany does not want military help but does desire neutral neighbours to supply her with raw materials to enable her to break the blockade.

While they are naturally closely watching the outcome of the Franco-British appeals to neutral countries to enter the war, Berlin officials, according to this newspaper correspondent, state that they do not want to see Italy and Russia involved against France and Britain.

HOUSE OF LORDS' SECRET SESSION

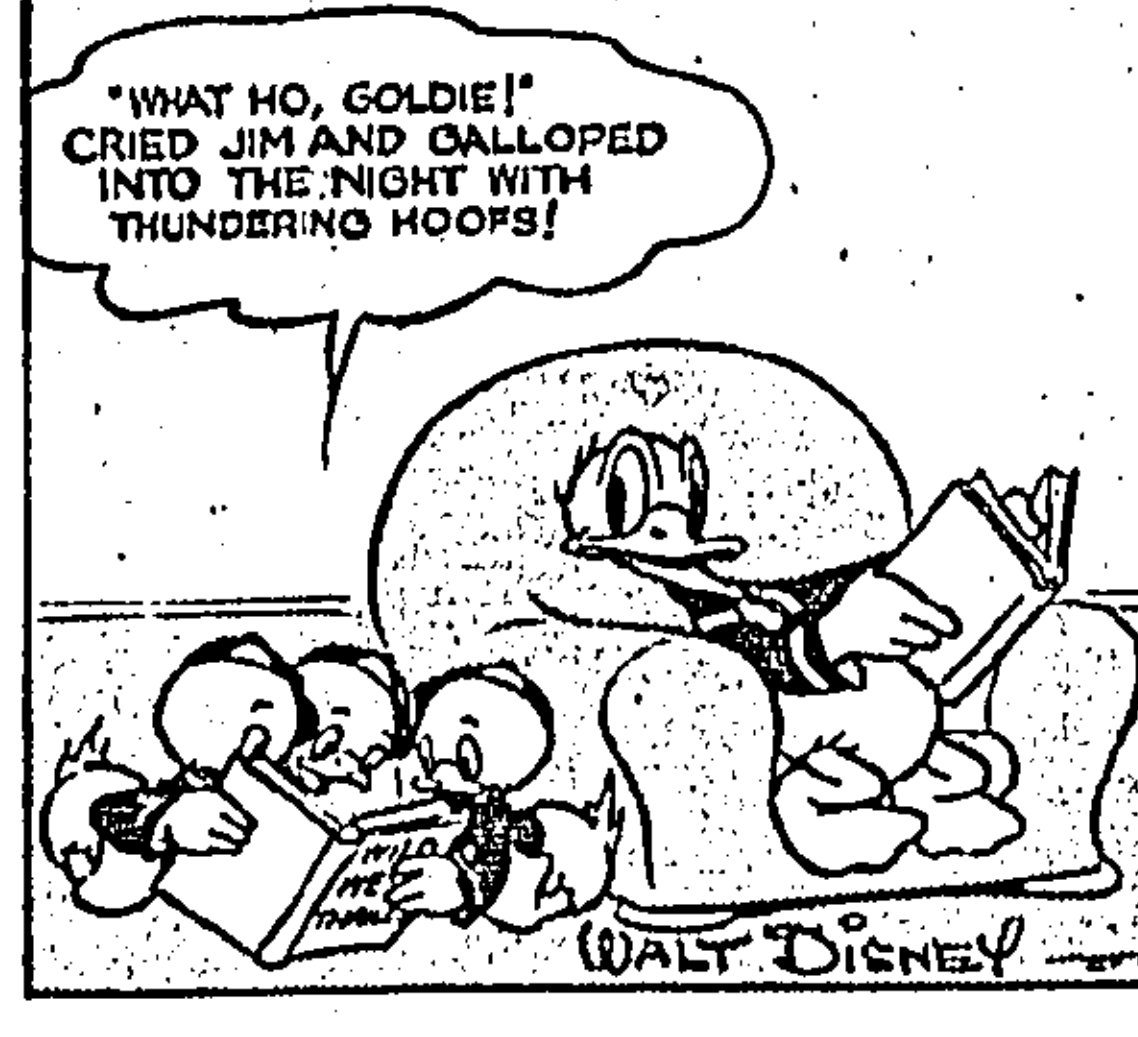
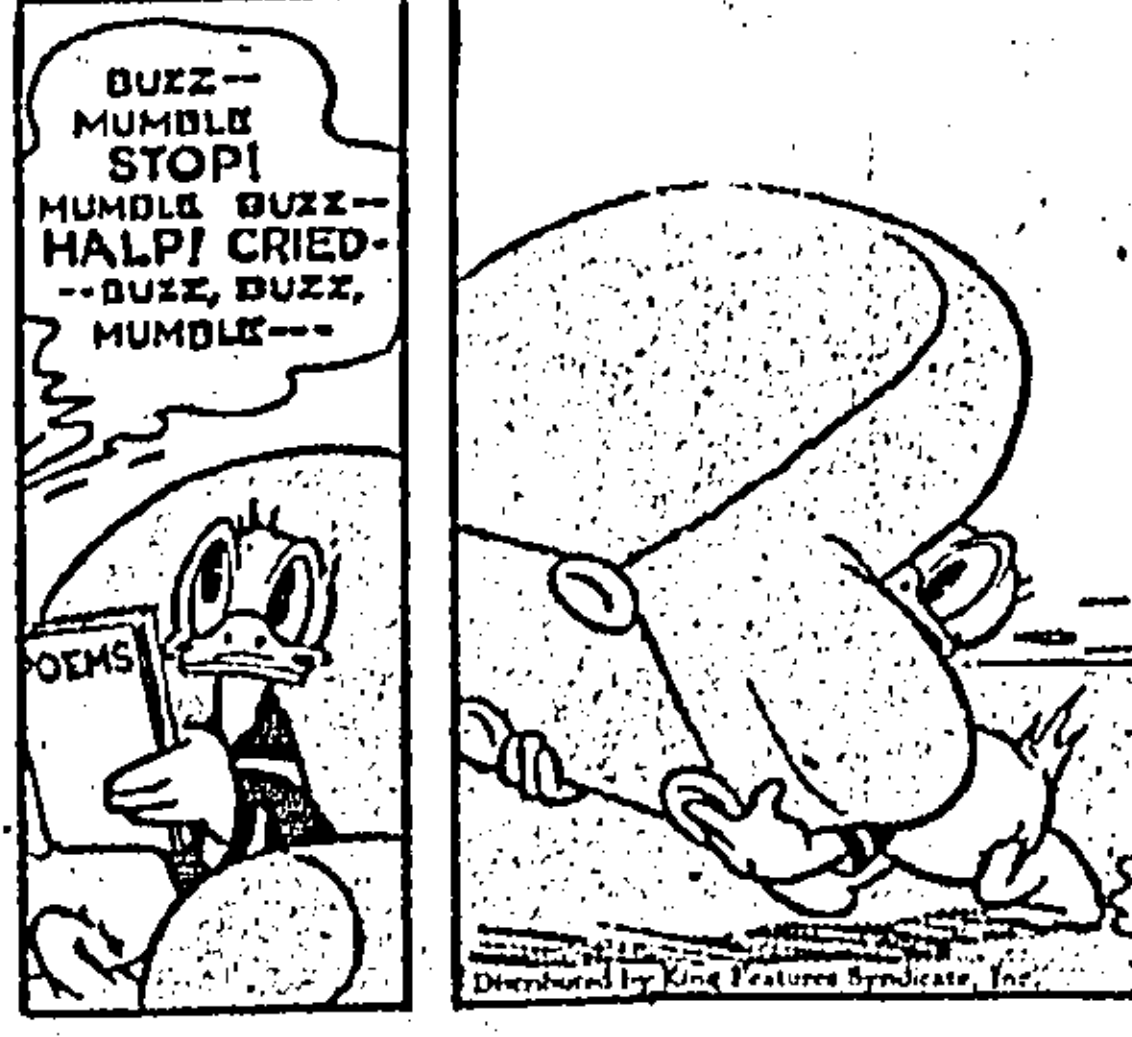
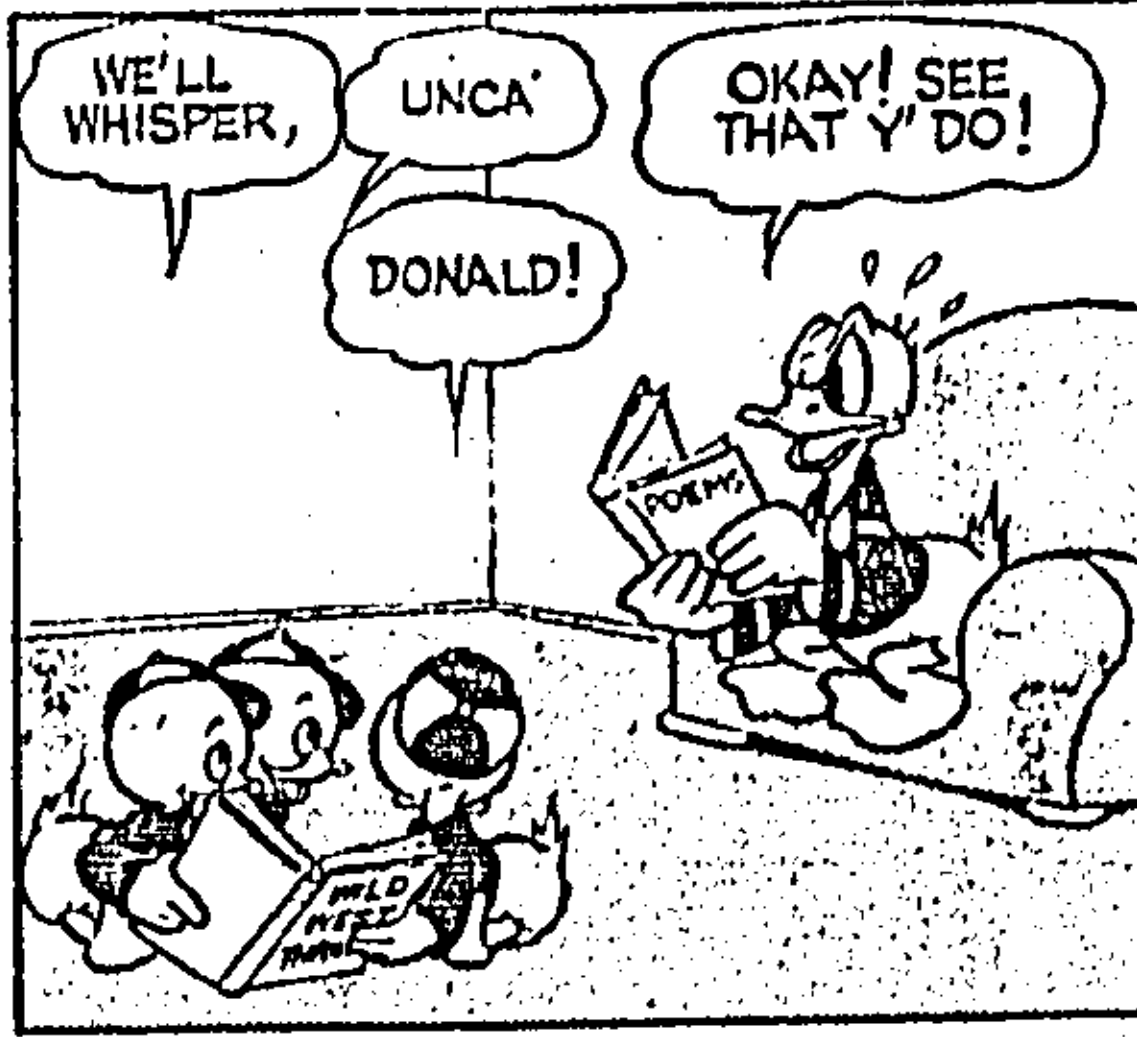
LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords this afternoon, Lord Ponsonby asked the Government to arrange a secret session to discuss matters arising from the war.

Lord Noel-Buxton and Viscount Cecil supported the request. Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, declined to accede to it on the ground that better results would be achieved if the Lords concerned took the opportunity of discussing privately with members of the Government the questions which they had in mind.

No Disclosures
LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, in reply to a question, said that he was confident that there had been no disclosure of proceedings in the House of Commons in the recent secret session, and that it would be evident to any member who was present that the article thereon in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" was not based on any authentic information regarding what was then said but was published for purely propaganda purposes.

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ARGENTINE DONATION

£20,000 Sent To British Patriotic Funds

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Chairman of the British community's Council in Buenos Aires has sent £20,000 to London.

The money was subscribed by the British community to British patriotic funds.

Of this amount £10,000 is being sent to the Lord Mayor of London for the Red Cross Fund and the other £10,000 is going to building loans and the Merchant Service.

An additional £1,000 has been contributed to Admiral Harwood for distribution among the relatives of casualties aboard his three ships who defeated the Graf Spee. It is semi-officially announced that until now the British community in Buenos Aires has subscribed approximately £6,000. Further contributions are expected to bring the total to over £122,000 by the end of October.

Cotton Board To Be Set Up

Bill Passes Second Reading In Lords

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The House of Lords to-day passed the second reading of the Cotton Industry Bill designed to promote the exports trade.

Lord Templemore, introducing the Bill, said that exports in the cotton trade were especially vital in war-time since the exports of cotton goods were greater than any other single manufacturing industry.

The Bill provides for the establishment of a Cotton Industry Board, whose main purpose is to assist export trade and also to deal with market research and propaganda.

Prices, as far as necessary, would be controlled by an order made by the Minister of Supply.

Lobby On Spinnors

The Bill provides for a levy on spinnors and also for payments to the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation amounting to one penny in respect of each 500 pounds of cotton.

Lord Templemore, concluding, said that the Cotton Act of 1939 was found too elaborate in war-time conditions.

Lord Strabolgi pointed out that we might have to export cotton goods in bulk as the need for foreign exchange grew, and our necessary imports increased. We might have to take far-reaching steps to sell cotton goods abroad and the present Bill might not be enough. He hoped that the Government was already thinking about greater machinery to help exports in relation to barter and pre-emption.

Fine Work Of Life-Boats

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Lifeboats in Britain have rescued over 1,500 lives since the war began, and the gratitude and admiration of the Royal Navy for their services have been expressed by the Lords of the Admiralty.

They state that they are deeply impressed by the fine service of the crews of the National Lifeboats, especially those on the East Coast. They know that this work has been carried out in foul weather, high seas and bitter cold, none of which has lowered the spirit of courage and endurance, and that these duties have been performed without fear or thought of self.

Brazilian Diplomat Leaves London

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—On the occasion of the impending retirement and return to Brazil of his Excellency, Senhor Raul de Mesquita Alves, a.k.a., Brazilian Ambassador to London since 1925 and doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, Princess Alice of Athlone to-day presented His Excellency with a set of diamond cuff-links.

His wife, Dona Gina, was presented with a diamond and ruby brooch. These presents were made on behalf of their many friends in London.

Those present included Lady Asquith and Lady (Austen) Chamberlain.

Derelict Nazi Harbours, Paralysed By Royal Navy, Are Losing Millions

THEY'RE CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD

HAMBURG and Bremen, two of the largest ports in the world, which are cut off from the rest of the world by the British blockade, are now virtually derelict—harbours of forgotten ships.

A London agent for several of the leading German shipping companies said recently that reports he had received from neutral sources revealed that the traffic of these ports had dwindled to barge trade. Warehouses were empty and cranes idle.

In peace-time Hamburg and Bremen cater for a large proportion of the American passenger traffic to Europe. Frequently 15,000 passengers have been landed in a month at Hamburg. Now even this traffic has ceased.

In normal times nearly 2,000,000 tons of shipping enter each of these ports every month. This figure has dropped to a few hundred tons.

Vessels Laid Up

More than a dozen vessels of the large fleet of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are laid up at Bremen. And they cost an average of £1,000 a week to maintain.

This shipping company had six vessels on the stocks when war began. They may never sail out of Bremen flying the German flag.

Hamburg is in a worse position than Bremen. Its organisation is paralysed. Usually the headquarters of the Hamburg-South America Line, which has 50 vessels, and the Hamburg-Amerika Line, which has more than 100 first-class liners, the port is now virtually closed by our Navy.

Before the war Hamburg was the principal Northern European port. Japanese, Italian and Scandinavian vessels called there regularly when outward and inward bound for Britain. Now they come direct to Britain.

But Hamburg did not rely on this shipping alone. British liners collected cargoes there on their way out to the Far East.

Lost Revenue

Regular calls were made by the Union Castle, P. and O., British India and Brocklebank Lines, and many more leading shipping companies.

The Nazis are trying desperately to use the port facilities of Hamburg and Bremen for other industries, but it is almost impossible to use the organisation of a port for anything except shipping.

Millions of pounds in revenue are being lost by their harbour authorities in tonnage dues and taxes.

In the last war the German Navy caused us to divert a great deal of the activities of our warships from the blockade weapon. To-day the story is different.

Each month Hamburg and Bremen lose 200,000 tons of cargo between them which now goes to other markets.

ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

New York, Feb. 15. According to the New York Times, Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, and his wife are planning a divorce action in the California Courts. The grounds for the suit are not known.—Reuter.

Hello, Mum! Hello, Dad!

Here's a happy picture. It shows what happened at one of the provincial towns to which 5,000 parents of London's evacuated children travelled in special trains for a one day reunion.



Bad Influence—Even There!

HITLER died at the end of a fiery speech and went straight to Heaven.

Having given the Nazi salute, he expected to be let in straight away, but St. Peter said he had never heard of any Hitler.

Hitler was so incensed that he made for purgatory. He was refused admittance, and decided to try the Devil.

The Devil was delighted to see him, but when the question of admittance was raised he said to Hitler: "Look here, old man, I might as well be frank with you. You have sent me so many Germans that, if I let you in, you will probably start your old minority game here, and before I know it I'll be out of a job."

So Hitler went back to St. Peter, who had in the meantime looked up Hitler's record.

In the end he summoned Stalin and put the two of them on an uninhabited planet, where they could continue their old game by themselves.

—From "Excelsior"

Germany Warns Rumania 'Give Us More Oil, Or—'

GERMANY HAS WARNED RUMANIA THAT SHE MUST DELIVER MORE OIL TO THE REICH. IF RUMANIA FAILS TO DO SO GERMANY WILL BE "FORCED TO USE OTHER METHODS."

This move, it was reliably learned in Bukarest recently (says Associated Press), is Germany's reply to the Allies' warning against forcing the British and French controlled oil companies to supply Germany.

Nazi representatives, high authorities said, told the Rumanian Government that it was "a matter of life and death" for the Reich to get an ever-increasing volume of oil shipments from Rumania, which is Germany's most substantial source of supply.

McGavin of The Mercury Is Dead

"McGAVIN" of the Mercury is dead.

The news will bring regret to men serving in practically every big ship in the Royal Navy, for McGavin, who was 74, had for 29 years been chief officer of the training ship Mercury, and first joined that famous birthplace of naval heroes half a century ago. He was known to some 2,000 boys, who are now scattered throughout the naval and mercantile fleets of Britain.

Censor's Secrets Warning To School Magazines

SCHOOL magazines publishing news of "old boys" serving with the Forces may unwittingly betray information of value to the enemy.

It is possible, for instance, that scrutiny of a number of lists of "old boys" who are serving or have lost their lives in the Services may enable the enemy to gather information of the battle order of the Forces.

In a letter sent to headmasters, the Deputy Director of Censorship Division, Mr. B. S. Townroe, says that in such lists the name, rank, and regiment of any person may be given, but no reference should be made to any ship, to any battalion of other unit within the regiment, or to any command, unless such particulars have previously been included in the official casualty list.

It is also suggested that no information should be published which would reveal the locality where members of the Forces are serving.

NO GERMAN ARMADA

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 I ESTIMATE the present front-line air strength of the Germans at 4,275 machines.

By front line strength I mean the number of machines the Germans can keep in the air, allowing for wastage by battle or accident or obsolescence.

Here is my detailed list: Bombers, 1,700; dive-bombers, 350; fighters, 1,200; long-range reconnaissance aircraft, 50; army co-operative aircraft, 300; coastal command aircraft, 300.

I should explain that the dive-bomber is a machine used only for precision bombing, and against vitally important military objectives. The pilot sets his machine, into a fixed course, and dives along that line on to his target, just as a fighter with fixed guns flies in a line on to his bomber quarry.

The number of reserves behind each category of German machines is anybody's guess. I should say there are two reserves for every front line unit, and there may be even more.

Now as to output, I estimate that the German factories are steadily delivering 750 aircraft a month.

Not more than 500 of these are fighting aircraft. In any well-organised air force at least one in three aircraft would be for reconnaissance or training.

These latter aircraft have no fighting power. They are cheaply and quickly built of fabric, and they lack guns, bomb-racks, and even complete sets of instruments. They have no more military use than a cross-Channel steamer without guns, armour, or complete navigational apparatus would have in a naval engagement.

MME. CHIANG HERE

To undergo medical treatment, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Generalissimo, accompanied by her adviser, Mr. W. H. Donald, have arrived in the Colony.

It is not known how long Madame Chiang will stay in Hongkong on this visit, which is the first for some time.

BLIZZARDS IN REICH

"General Winter's" Disorganisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 BERLIN, Feb. 15 (UP).—There have been renewed blizzards during the past few days, with snowfalls heavier than anything known in Germany for many decades.

Delays on the main railways are, in many cases, several hours. At Berlin's terminal the authorities in most cases are refusing any information about the times of trains or when they are expected to arrive.

Snow and ice have also caused considerable delays on Berlin's electrified suburban railways and tramway systems. In the suburbs the snow is three feet deep on the roads.

Thousands of Jews mobilised by the authorities are working in gangs shovelling the snow to clear the streets in the centre of the city. Many theatres here have been closed down during the last few days, apparently owing to the "management's" inability to heat them.

In an effort to relieve the coal shortage the Reich Commissioner for Coal Distribution has ordered coal dealers to give preference in deliveries firstly to families with children up to two years then to families with four or more children.

The German press in the last few days has been admitting the coal shortage and there is widespread grumbling about it.

The press has urged the people to be reasonable however, and to understand the reason for the shortage.

New York Snowbound
 NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Thirty-eight thousand street cleaners in New York are digging the city out of an eight-foot snowfall.

Traffic is heavily disrupted and thousands of people are unable to get to their offices.

Eight people have been killed in the metropolitan area.

All Night in Theatre
 NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—At Providence, Rhode Island, 600 patrons of a cinema who were snow-bound accepted the manager's invitation to stay in the theatre for the night.

Altogether 38 deaths have resulted from the weather conditions in the eastern states.

American Blizzards

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Ten people have been killed at Boston, scores injured and thousands marooned as the result of the worst blizzard New England has experienced for years.

Conditions were chaotic; the streets are blocked with thousands of stranded motor cars. The fish market, which is the largest in the world, is closed.

Men are ski-ing through the streets. Mountainous snowdrifts throughout the countryside are rendering many roads impassable.

SOFIA CABINET CRISIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
 SOFIA, Feb. 15 (Dome).—The Bulgarian Government headed by M. G. Kiossevanoff, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, to-day resigned en bloc.

It is understood that the Cabinet, which has been steering a midway course between the pro-Soviet and the pro-Italian factions, has been forced to retreat due to the recent rise of pro-Soviet influence as a result of the conclusion of the commercial and aviation agreements with the Soviet Union.

Difference of Opinion
 PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to a Sofia dispatch, it is thought that the difference of opinion between the Prime Minister, M. Kiossevanoff, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Adrianov, regarding the candidature of deputies during the last legislative elections led M. Kiossevanoff to resign.

Certain political circles in Sofia connect the crisis with the arrival there of M. Popoff, the Bulgarian Minister to Belgrade, who was summoned to Sofia by cable on Wednesday.

FRANCE INTERNS 27 CZECHS

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Twenty-seven foreigners of Czechoslovak origin have been sent to a concentration camp near Rambois on a charge of carrying on activities dangerous to the country.

They were employed in National Defence factories. It is stated that they refused to comply with a summons to serve in the Czechoslovak Legion in France.

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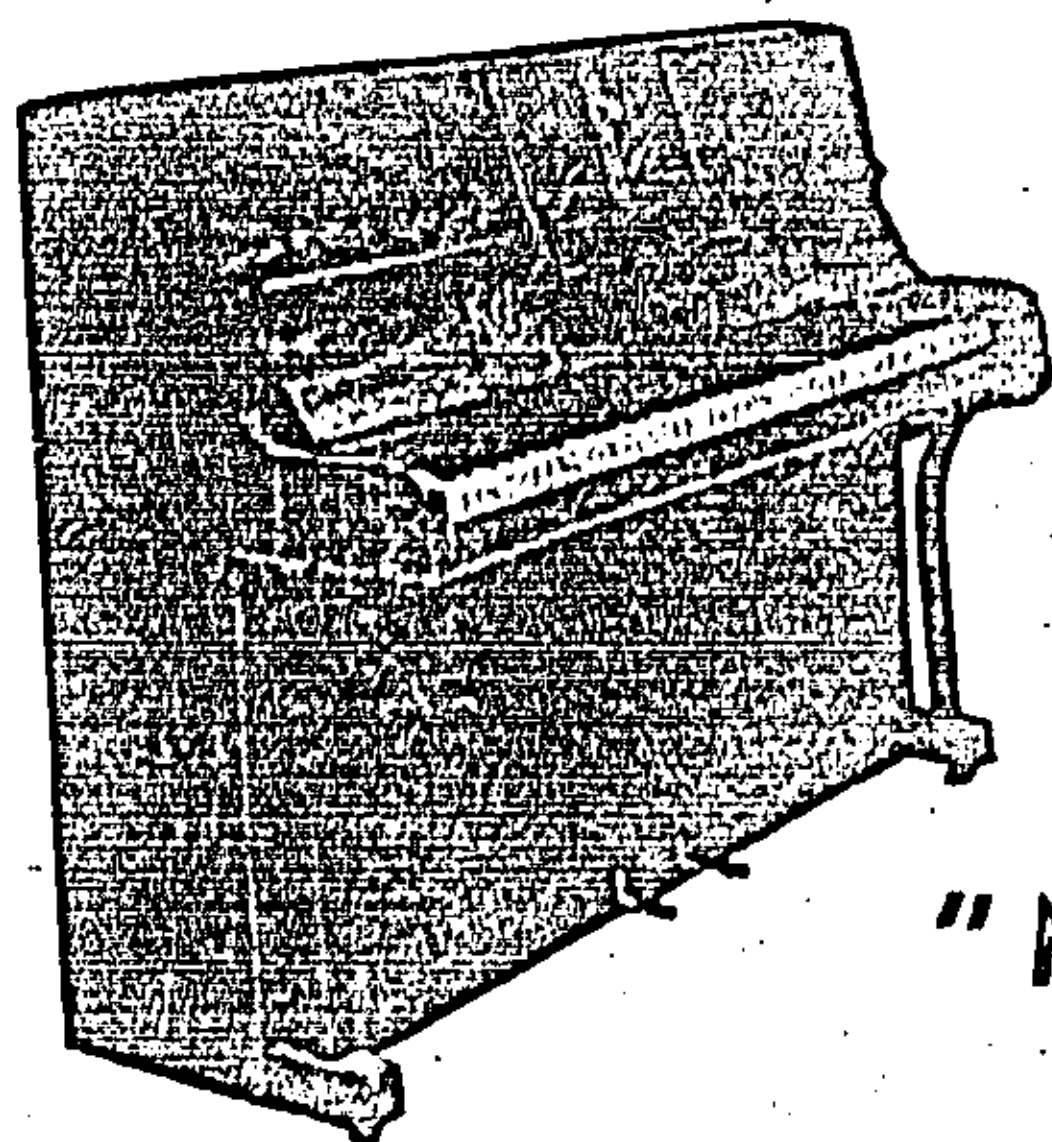
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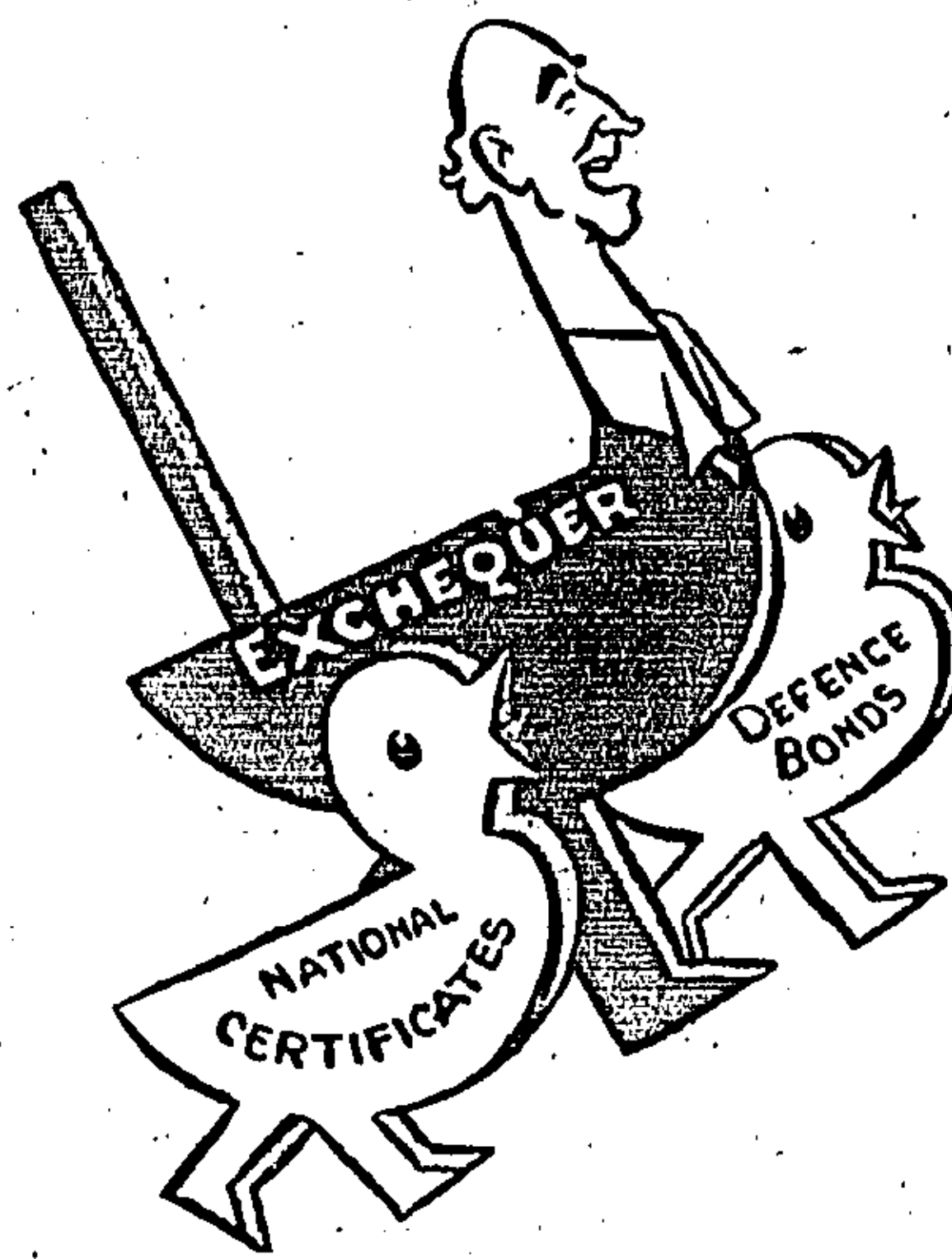
Rights Of Shipping

Neutral reactions to Germany's
campaign of murder by U-Boat on
the seaways are swiftly becoming
clear. The real issue was again im-
pressed upon all the maritime nations
this week by the mining of the Dutch
steamship Berjerdijk. That crime
adds point to the earlier comment
that they are heavy sacrifices which
neutrals have to bear. By the crip-
pling of the Berjerdijk the Nether-
lands becomes the heaviest sufferer
of all the neutral countries.

It must be gall and wormwood to
Holland that neutral countries
should resent his piracy. The duty
enjoined upon them by the diatribes
now foaming from Berlin is to forget
the injuries and insults he has in-
flicted and protest against the re-
prisals which the Allies are taking
in defence of the rights of shipping.
At the outset of the last war the
United States was the most energetic
champion of the complete freedom of
neutrals. The American people are
not less intent upon maintaining
their neutrality now. Nevertheless,
we read that little criticism of the
blockade of German exports is to be
heard and no more to be expected.
Indiscriminate minelaying, it is
recognised, compelled retaliation.
Though some American importers
may be annoyed, sympathy will not
await those who wish to go on doing
business with Hitlerism. In the
Scandinavian countries it is recognis-
ed that though the reprisals will re-
strict the work of their merchant
marine we were bound to take action.

From Berlin comes the characteris-
tic threat that neutrals may be ac-
cused of violating their neutrality if
they are unable to carry German
exports. We have to acknowledge
that the earning power of the ship-
ping of neutral countries may be
diminished for a time by the loss of
cargoes from Germany. The block-
ade thus far has been operated with
a conspicuous lack of friction and
delay and protest. In its intensifica-
tion the same fairness and desire to
avoid hardship will be shown. But
neutrals must ask themselves what is
the alternative to the blockade. It is
that Germany should continue her
destruction of their seamen and their
shipping as long as she has a sub-
marine and a mine to put in the sea.
Her declared objective is to frighten
into uselessness all their ships which
she cannot destroy. "Routes which
touch England lead to death," is the
brag of Berlin. It is a suicidal
policy.

George L. L. L.



Agitated Adolf: "I'll be lucky if I can SAVE my SKIN!"

IT'S NO JOKE in Germany Now!

GREY days, these, for
Germany. And they are
becoming greyer and
greyer." Dr. Goebbels
says so.

So the Reich Minister for
Public Enlightenment and Cul-
ture and What-Not is trying to
put a smile back on the face of
Germany.

He won't find it easy. For years
it has been dangerous, even if it
were possible, to laugh in
Germany.

I have been listening to Nazi
jokes on the German radio. I
have scoured the Nazi Press and
magazines for something to smile
at. I haven't heard or seen one yet.

Here are two jokes that are sup-
posed to make Berliners roar with
laughter:

A man says: "I have just been
to a furniture sale and they kicked
me out."

"Why did they kick you out?"

"Because it was no sale at all;
it was just a removal."

Funny, isn't it? Or this one:
Mother: "Why did you not for-
bid that Swede to kiss you?"

Daughter: "Sorry, mother, but I
cannot speak Swedish."

Can you see anything funny in
that story? Nor can the Ger-
man people. They really have
nothing to laugh about these days.

What would you do if your song
writers were determined to popu-
larise a song with a refrain like
this: "I fear out one of your eye-
lashes and stab you in the back
with it?"

I am not surprised that the
German people are gloomy and
dreary. But Goebbels will have a
tough job trying to make a nation
laugh. Even the idea of a man
like Goebbels attempting to do it
won't raise a German smile.

The Germans who could make
jokes have long been confined in
concentration camps. Fink, Ber-
lin's greatest (Aryan) entertainer,
is now in a labour gang in the
Westwall.

The last time he appeared before
the German public he brought a
big wooden case on the stage. In
it he packed, one after another,
pictures of Hitler, Goering and
Goebbels and other members of
the Nazi Government.

Then he produced a huge label
and stuck it on the case: DON'T
UPSET.

Next day he was under arrest.

Valentin, the Munich comedian,
came on the stage with his hand
upraised (as for the Nazi salute):
"That high lies the snow in the
Bavarian mountains," he said.

The Gestapo warned him not to

make jokes about the Nazi salute.

On another occasion Valentin
told his audience:

"Last night I saw a marvellous
huge limousine. Out stepped, to
my great surprise, an S.S. leader."

Again the Gestapo warned him
not to accuse the S.S. leaders of
extravagant life. So he decided to
tell his story differently.

"Last night," Valentin said, "I
saw a marvellous, huge limousine.
Out stepped, to my great surprise
—an S.S. leader."

The German doesn't hear jokes
like that now.

But the Nazis revelled—long be-
fore the war started—in jokes
about Englishmen. For instance:

Two Englishmen are travelling
together in a compartment. One
of them, looking out of the win-
dow, points to the green and says:

"There is a cow."

An hour passes, after which the
other Englishman says, "It was
an ox."

After another hour the first
Englishman gets up and leaves
the compartment. "With a man
who always quarrels," he says, "I
do not care to travel."

It is a joke designed to make fun
of the monosyllabism of British
people.

This is an example of non-politi-
cal Nazi humour. I found it in
the best known humorous column
in the Berlin Press.

"The young girls of to-day do
not look as young as twenty years
ago."

"Quite true—some of them are
almost ten years older now."

That's all. It is a joke in Ger-
many.

Political jokes predominate, of
course, in the Nazi Press. They
show you, for instance, a British
officer taking off his braces (and
losing his trousers) because the
W.A.T.s need them now.

Cartoonists and professional en-
tertainers favour Mr. Chamberlain
and Mr. Churchill, the British lion
and John Bull. They dare not look
nearer home.

Perhaps the best German joke is
one that was not made in Ger-
many, but merely came out of it.

It was brought from Berlin by
an American journalist.

"They told me in Germany," he
said, "that 99 per cent. of the Ger-
man people are behind their Fueh-
rer. Fancy my bad luck—meeting
only the remaining one per cent!"

Can you imagine the German
Minister for Mirth laughing at that
one?

John Nichol

THE ODD

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Scale of miles

A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Swensen schoolboy kicked a
Rugby football and it did not touch the ground for five
miles. It dropped into a motor-lorry passing along a main
road by the field, and the game was abandoned while the
players on cycles chased the lorry.

They stopped it at Mumbles, five miles away.

SAVE POUNDS!
SAVE SHILLINGS!
SAVE PENCE!

SNAP - SECOND AIR RAID WARNING IN SHETLANDS
THIS AFFH. ALL CLEAR AFTER 42 MINS.

Hermits in the Limelight

By STUART FLETCHER

THE Shetlands seem an
odd place to choose for
bomb-dropping. So odd
that when I read that
Shetlands schoolchildren were
scurrying into shelters while
German planes roared above I
decided to look into the matter.

I failed to find any particular
reason for the German visitations
—even if I had I am sure the
censor would have suppressed
my discovery; but I found out a
great deal that was interesting.

You see, I had never taken ad-
vantage of the daily air service
which, until the war broke out,
would deliver a Londoner starting
from his home at ten in the morning
to the Shetland Islands by
early evening.

Indeed, I had never visited the
Shetlands at all. All I knew about
was Shetland ponies at the sea-
side. Fair Isle jumpers scintillating
on the many chests of my friends,
and a dear old lady of 90 with a
hand-loom at Olympia, who had a
face which combined a Rembrandt-
esque wisdom with the complexion
of a three-year-old. So I made a
voyage to the Shetlands with the
aid of guide-books, history books,
maps, and encyclopedias. The
weather being what it is, it was a
very comfortable journey.

The first thing that I learnt
about these one hundred islands
in the sixtieth latitude—they are
actually 60 miles north of Green-
land's most southerly point—was
that they are mortgaged to Britain.

Years ago—nearly 500—King
Christian I of Norway married off
his daughter, Margaret, to James
III of Scotland. The dowry
amounted to 60,000 forins.

But poor Christian couldn't
raise all this money, so he gave
James the Orkneys and the Shet-
lands as a surety.

By the time Margaret actually
left Copenhagen for Scotland
Christian had found only 2,000
forins of the required total, and
when by 1472—four years after the
wedding-day—he still hadn't paid
up, the islands were annexed by
the Scottish Crown.

To this day, however, they may
be got out of pawn by Norway on
payment of Margaret's dowry.

The steadily decreasing popu-
lation of the 29 inhabited Shetland
Islands amounts to some 25,000
people. The long straggle of islands
extends northwards for about 50
miles, and there is no point any-
where on them more than three
miles from the sea.

At midsummer there is brilliant
light at midnight, and it is possible
—but no guide-book can even hint
at the exciting beauty of this—to
watch the paling sunset merge into
the rosy glow of early dawn and
the dawning gleams of sunrise.

The inhabitants of the Shetlands
are what are often described by
city dwellers as simple folk. That
is to say, they have for centuries

lived a life uninfluenced by the
march of civilisation. Who is to
say that they have not been for-
tunate?

At last, however, civilisation has
caught them up, announcing its
arrival with bombs.

The islanders earn their livings
as crofters, or fishermen—very
often as both. At Lerwick in June
there is herring-madness. The
town's population swells to more
than ten thousand, and the sea is
black with hundreds of drifters
arriving back from their all-night
fishing excursions.

Peat is the main fuel in the
islands. It is cut in rectangular
blocks by means of a special spade
called a tuskar (Icelandic for turf-
cutter).

You can still see women carrying
the dried peats to their homesteads
over the moors in straw baskets on
their backs—the women knitting as
they go! And often—though lorries
are now taking their place—the
little Shetland ponies bear home
the peats in panniers slung across
them.

Feat moorland gives way at
times to sheep pasture. The
Shetland sheep, like the Shetland
pony, is diminutive, and is said to
be identical with the wild sheep
of Siberia.

Shetland wool is not shorn but
plucked direct from the necks of
these sheep. Fair Isle, where they
make the jumpers, is a typical
Shetland islet, two and three-
quarter miles long by one broad.

One hundred people living in
sturdy, clean, white-washed cot-
tages, each dotted on its croft. A
church, a couple of light-houses,
a school-house, pasture and moor-
land, and a quiet life.

Twice a week a mail-boat
crosses a stretch of open Atlantic
to this island which has been
made famous by a trick its in-
habitants learnt from the
Spaniards.

In the sixteenth century one of
the retreating galleons of the
Spanish Armada was wrecked on
Fair Isle.

Two hundred men came ashore
and caused a famine on the tiny
island. But when they went away,
a year later they left behind them
many reasons for the present-day
Fair Isle crofter having a dark-
skinned handsome which con-
trasts strikingly with the usual
Shetland blonde complexion.

The Spaniards also repaid the
Fair Isle women for their hospita-
lity by teaching them how to knit
the Moorish patterns which have
made Fair Isle jumpers famous.

Natural beauty, abundant food,
the satisfying rhythm of peasant
life, and a seasoning of mechanical
progress seem (if the guide-books
are to be believed) to have pro-
duced something approaching a
northern paradise in the sixtieth
latitude.

I think I must go there some-
time—when the bombs have
stopped dropping.

GOLD FLOWS TO AMERICA

Imports in January Roach \$236,413,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Department of Commerce reports that gold imports into the United States during January this year, in round figures, were valued at \$236,413,000.

The countries of origin were as follows:

Canada	\$52,000,000
Netherlands	30,414,000
United Kingdom	23,905,000
Japan	31,570,000
Philippines	3,550,371

Silver imports during the same period totalled \$5,700,000 including:

Mexico	\$2,538,000
Japan	1,261,000
Peru	400,000
Philippines	70,168

Walked Out Of Court Dock

Prisoner's Daring Nearly Succeeded

LINED UP in the dock of the Kowloon Magistracy with twenty-six other prisoners whilst awaiting the arrival of the Magistrate, an unemployed named Chan Hung made an audacious attempt to escape this morning.

Whilst the attention of the police constable guarding the dock was momentarily distracted Chan coolly opened the door leading into the dock and walked out of the court.

Chan was frustrated his bid for liberty. Just as he was leaving the precincts of the Magistracy he was recognised by a detective who, although uncertain as to whether the man was wanted, nevertheless decided to take him into the court for enquiries.

It was only when a roll call of the occupants of the dock was made that it was discovered that one man was missing. Chan is described with the theft of crockery from the dining hall of the Nanking Barracks.

WE WON'T BOMB CIVILIANS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain yesterday repented the Government's pledge not to bomb civilians deliberately. He reiterated his statement made on September 14, 1939, in which he said that whatever the others might do the British Government would not resort to deliberate attacks on women, children, and other civilians for the purpose of mere terrorism. To this statement he had nothing further to add.

A Busy Day On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, bulls and bears closed firm on better support, but elsewhere the tone was irregular. Textiles were well-bought on a reported shortage of stock. Rubber was firm on a better trade demand and a larger United States January consumption. Tin eased owing to speculative profit-taking. Wall Street was irregular.

King Visits New Shipping Building

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King discussed mercantile marine matters when he visited the new building of the Chamber of Shipping here to-day. The King, who is a Master of the Merchant Navy, showed himself to be an expert in affairs of ships and men who sail the seas under "the red duster."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The pace has slowed down somewhat and may be accounted for by the fact investors are waiting to learn what form War taxation will take.

Buyers	
Hotels	\$5.05
Tramways	\$16.30
Star Ferries	\$38
Yauwatt Ferries	\$24.4
China Lights (Old)	\$7.00
China Lights (New)	\$4.90
Electricity	\$5
Telephone (Old)	\$23.80
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21.10
Entertainments	\$7
Constructions (Old)	\$14
Sellers	
Docks	\$22.40
Watsons	\$9.00
Sales	
Union Ins.	\$470
Docks	\$22.15/20
Lands	\$30.4
Tramways	\$10.45
China Lights	\$7.00/43
Electricity	\$5.74
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22.4/20
11.5% Govt. 4% Loan	\$100.4

FINLAND ISSUES MORE URGENT APPEAL FOR AID

FROM PAGE ONE

principally comprising of provisions. The Finnish coastal batteries on the Karelian Isthmus successfully repulsed all attempts by the enemy to cross the ice and destroyed a considerable number of detachments. The Finnish Air Force successfully attacked enemy troop concentrations and provision depots.

According to confirmed reports, 10 enemy planes were shot down and one bomber was forced down in Finnish territory.

Bastion Of Our Defences
LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press this morning dealt with Finland.

The news that British subjects may enlist for service with the Finnish Army has been welcomed on all sides as just and wise.

Finland's urgent need for help was stressed by the "Times," "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald."

The Finns are overwhelmed, says the "Daily Herald."

The "Times" says that the Soviets have concentrated on the Karelian Isthmus a force more than equal to the whole army available for the defence of all frontiers in Finland.

Although the Soviet losses so far have been 50 to one Finn, this cannot be maintained once the Finns try to recapture the fortified outposts which are now in enemy hands.

The Finns have only a small reserve to relieve the men fighting in the front lines.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that if the Finns can hold out during the next few vital weeks they may be able to gain breathing space to rest their troops and prepare for a big offensive.

If they get this breathing space, it must be turned to account by outside sympathisers.

Both the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" emphasise that the British must be the first to help Finland.

The "Times" says that any army sent to help a small country fighting for liberty cannot be complete without a substantial contingent of Britons.

The "Daily Mail" refutes the suggestion that help for Finland would disperse our resources.

The Finns, fighting the battle of the century, may yet prove to be the vital bastion of our defence, it says.

Finnish Women's Appeal
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINKI, Feb. 15 (UP).—Let our husbands and sons come to our aid and help us fight victoriously for liberty, humanity and justice.

This was the appeal broadcast to the women of the world by fifteen female members of the Finnish Diet to-day.

They emphasised the Finnish love of peace and described the terror of the Soviet air raids.

"With quaking hearts we ask how long the world will allow this to continue. Must a small peace-loving nation fight alone to the bitter end against an enemy many times stronger?" they asked.

Finn Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINKI, Feb. 15 (UP).—To-day's official communique from Finnish G.I.Q. claims that over a thousand Russian soldiers died in action during to-day's Red attacks on Muolajärvi.

Thirteen tanks were destroyed. Two captured tanks were immediately destroyed by Finnish soldiers and were used against the Reds.

A severe battle continued throughout yesterday at Taipale. In the course of which the Finns repulsed wave after wave of Russian attacks.

In this area, the communique claims, the Reds sustained 2,500 casualties, bringing the total dead on the Karelian Isthmus to 3,500.

Activity on the Summa front is dying down after 14 days of incessant attack by the Russians.

Russian attacks across the ice in the Gulf of Finland were also repulsed.

Five hundred Russians were killed in a battle near Kuhmo. During the day, sixteen Russian planes were shot down in raids in various parts of the country.



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ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

President's Son Claims Desertion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (UP).—Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, has filed a suit for divorce in the Superior Court, alleging that his wife deserted him over a year ago.

He also petitioned the Court for such other relief as it might deem advisable to grant.

The complainant stated that he was married in Brooklyn, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1930 and that he had been separated from his wife since November 1, 1938.

There are two children of the marriage, Sara Delano aged 7 and Kate aged 4.

Mrs. Roosevelt, noted for brains, beauty and high standing in Massachusetts society, is the daughter of Dr. Harvey Cushing, a famous brain specialist.

She is believed to have a personal fortune of \$750,000.

Her husband, formerly his father's secretary at the White House, is now vice-president of the United Artists Corporation in Hollywood. He was associated with the production of "Wuthering Heights."

Third To Seek Divorce
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, has filed a petition for divorce from his wife, Betsy, a daughter of the late Dr. Harvey Williams Cushing, the internationally known brain specialist.

He is charging his wife with desertion.

The couple have two children, Sara Delano, aged 7, and Kate, aged 4. The marriage took place ten years ago.

If the action succeeds, James will be the third of the President's children to be divorced.

Mrs. James Roosevelt has announced that she will bring a cross action against her husband and added that it was agreed that she would have the custody of the children.

British Army Doubled Many Volunteers Join Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 15 (British Wireless).—The British Army strength is double what it was one year ago. This, with other interesting figures was authentically disclosed to-day.

Excluding the Indian Army which is 150,000 strong, the Army in January, 1939, consisted of 600,000 men serving in the Regular, Territorial and Reserve forces. To-day the number is 1,250,000.

Immense as are the supplies of manpower available under the Compulsory Service Regulations, the increase in the year is only due to a smaller part to the classes called up, for it is pointed out that over 150,000 volunteers joined the Army since the outbreak of war, while little difficulty was experienced in completing territorial establishments.

The personnel of the latter rose by over 200,000 in the year since 1938. These figures do not include the great increase in strength of the Empire Army nor take account of recruitment to the Colonial forces.

Gestapo Murders Famed Pole

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Polish radio, Professor Ignacy Chronowski, who occupied the chair of Literature at the University of Cracow, has died in the notorious concentration camp of Oranienburg.

He is the eighth professor of the Cracow University to be killed by the Gestapo, added the announcer.

Fire In "Black-Out" Area In London

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A large section of London's "black-out" area was lit up on Wednesday night when a fire broke out in a scrap metal storehouse.

Among the scrap metal was 50 tons of magnesium. The flames could be seen for ten miles around Hounslow district.

GOERING BOASTS: 'WE CANNOT BE BEATEN'

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before every great battle our watchword has been given.

"We think of Frederick the Great's watchword before his great battles. Although the ground is frozen you men and women stand on the threshold of a battle of production. I am now giving you the watchword for battle," he said.

He asserted that England feels insecure.

"It is ironic that England's fat and bacon cards give a smaller ration than the Germans," he declared and added that millions of tons of British food reserves "lie on the sea bottom around England."

He charged that the British Empire has been built up on "injustice and violence."

"They fooled us in 1918 but never again," he said.

Record Crops
BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In a broadcast to agricultural workers to-day, Marshal Goering said that the extreme cold of winter has ended Germany's great trouble but spring will demand great labour from all German farmers.

"Although frost still blinds," he said, "you are in the midst of preparations for a new battle of production."

Goering said that the last two years had brought record crops. Germany had increased her production of fats and the consumption of meat had risen.

"We have laid in ample stocks of raw materials which we cannot produce ourselves. We cannot be defeated economically or in the military field," he said.

Goering then claimed that Germany had a reserve of 7,000,000 metric tons of wheat.

Speaking about the security of coal, Goering said that Germany had ample coal but the German railways were struggling with enormous difficulties. Many tanks were frozen, he said, and the difficulties of transport were therefore insurmountable.

Blockade "Full Of Gaps"
MARSHAL Goering claimed that the Allied blockade of Germany was full of gaps.

The price of milk and butter would be raised but no-one had suffered hunger.

Britain was imitating Nazi methods and had introduced ration cards like Germany.

Referring to the shortage of agricultural labour owing to the calling of men to the colours, necessitating the employment of women, Goering said: "Despite all our sorrows and troubles, I implore you women to hold out."

He announced that 1,000,000 Poles would be employed in addition to war prisoners.

FOUGHT GRAF SPEE IN THEIR PYJAMAS

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of the wounded, recalled the epic case of a man who, with both legs shot away, told a superior officer that he was doing well "in somewhat adverse circumstances."

Abie Seaman-Cross, from Bristol, described how the fifth salvo from the Graf Spee killed and wounded many of the Exeter's men. "I was on the bridge when the salvo burst. Next to me were two men standing shrapnel killed them both. They were standing by a loud-speaker to communicate, by bugle, orders to the gun crews."

"Eight of 15 men in one crew were killed and the turret put out of action."

Lieut. Commander Bowen Mantfold, navigator, was standing in his pyjamas on the bridge leaning over the compass. The same shell-burst killed him and eight marines in the "B" turret.

This was about a quarter of an hour after the action had begun. "The Ajax, Achilles and Exeter were steaming in line astern when we sighted the Graf Spee."

Orders were signalled. "The Ajax and Achilles went full speed ahead, and much to the surprise of the Graf Spee we converged upon her."

"Our first shot passed over the Graf Spee but our second was a direct hit on her control tower."

"The range was about 12 miles and we were all too busy to cheer. The gunnery of the Graf Spee was accurate at first, but after our hit, it became ragged."

Churchill's Praise
LONDON, Feb. 15 (British Wireless).—Mr. Winston Churchill, addressing officers and crew aboard H.M.S. Exeter, which was given a great welcome home to Plymouth to-day, said: "In this sombre winter, the brilliant action of the Plate came like a flash of light and colour, carrying with it encouragement to all."

CONVERGING ON NANNING

Chinese Claim Now Kwangsi Advance

CHUNGKING, Feb. 10 (Reuter).—The Chinese claim that they are converging on Nanning in Kwangsi province after defeating the Japanese, forcing them to retreat through narrow food-hills after a battle in which Japanese casualties totalled 20,000.

Chinese losses are also considerable. The Chinese also claim that artillery units shelled Japanese transports and warships on the Yangtze River, scoring a number of hits.

BERLIN RECEIVES ANOTHER PROTEST
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to the United States on official business. On that occasion they confiscated nearly half the mail.

The Senate, by a vote of 49 to 25, defeated Senator Clark's proposal which was offered as an amendment to the Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Bill as well as an amendment to the Neutrality Act.

"I Must Sink You"
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Captain of the Netherlands ship Burgerdijk, which was sunk by the Nazis last Saturday, issued a full statement on the sinking of his ship yesterday.

He emphasised yet again that all the ship's cargo was either destined for the Netherlands Government or for Dutch firms.

In New York he told the British Consul that he would not diverge from the direct route to Rotterdam unless he were forced.

On Saturday afternoon he was stopped by a U-boat which called for the ship's papers.

When the Chief Officer took them across, however, the U-boat Commander said "These papers don't interest me. I must sink you."

He ignored the Chief Officer's assurances that the ship would not go into a British port unless compelled by a warship.

He ordered the Burgerdijk to send out a radio message saying that she had been involved in a collision. Her crew were then ordered into the boats. The Burgerdijk was then torpedoed and sank amidst flames.

Pittman's Statement
LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Senator Key Pittman's statement blaming the British for the Nazi claim was supported by the argument that England could remove the danger of German attack by ending the practice of taking American merchantmen into control ports.

According to another report, Pittman said: "Germany is evidently claiming to act under the law of retaliation. She says she will violate international law on the grounds that it is necessary to protect herself against Britain illegally attempting to confiscate goods as contraband in American vessels."

U.S. Seeks Clarification
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull told a Press Conference to-day that the United States Embassy in Berlin was seeking a clarification of the German Press statement to the effect that any neutral vessel, including American, en route to an Allied port or control station would be considered "fair prize" for U-boats.

Referring to the reported British statement that Britain would offer convoy protection to all neutrals as the result of the German threat, Mr. Hull stated that acceptance of convoy would naturally decrease the risks for merchantmen, but he declined to indicate the attitude of the United States in this connection.

BLITZKRIEG: ALL THE LATEST

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predatory raids in the Atlantic Ocean. 4.—Establishment of air bases at points near the British coast (presumably Belgium or Holland).

5.—Mass air raids on British harbours and other key centres in order to cripple transportation during the opening phases of the offensive.

Germany believes that, by these methods, she can bring Britain to her knees within four months. The same forecast was made regarding the U-Boat campaign in the last war.

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Augustus John, who resigned from the Royal Academy in April, 1939, as a protest against the Academy's rejection of a portrait by Wyndham Lewis, was to-day re-elected a Royal Academician.

CONSTIPATION KEEPS A CHILD BACK

Unless the bowels move every day your child will be weakly, peevish, dull and stunted. So if your child is constipated, attend to it without delay. But be careful what you give, because purging weakens a child and leaves the bowels more bound than ever.

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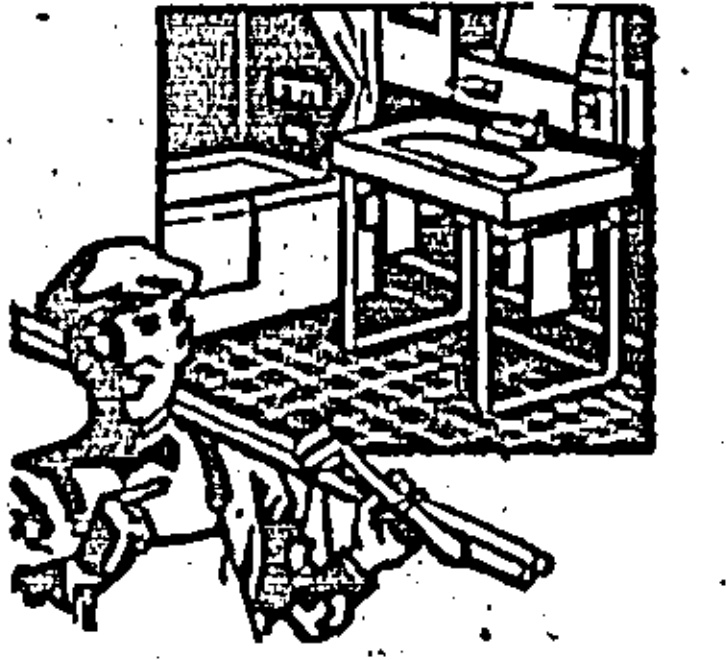
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

1940 ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TO-MORROW SEVERAL WORTHY CONTENDERS FOR HONGKONG'S DERBY

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be staged to-morrow, when at 11.30 a.m. sharp the first saddling bell will be rung announcing the opening of their 1940 racing season. The Annual Carnival will be continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, terminating next Saturday.

Recreio-H.K.C.C. Match Cancelled

The senior friendly cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Club de Recreio, which was to have been played to-morrow, has been cancelled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two First Prizes Instead Of One

Sir.—Judging by the sales of the Derby Sweep tickets for the last four days, I am wondering if the prize money could not be split into two firsts, two second prizes and so on. At the rate its selling now, the first prize would be about \$250,000 and with the expenditure of \$1, the lucky winner should be quite content with a \$125,000.

NOT GREEDY.

An Answer To The Soccer Problem

Sir.—With regard to your knotty soccer problem in to-night's issue of the "Telegraph," may I submit the following answers:

1. Salgon could have packed their goalmouth if they desired, apparently they did not understand the rule. 2. As long as the second South China player was behind the ball when it was last played, he could not under any circumstances be off-side, and as the referee was right on top of the play, the goal must have been a good one.

W. M. GLOVER.

Sir.—With reference to Soccer Enthusiast's letter of yesterday on the question of the legitimacy or otherwise of the second goal scored in the Salgon v. S.C.A.A. game.

There can be no question whatever that on the play either Lai Shiu-wing or Lee Wai-long was off-side.

The free kick was given against the Salgon goalie for "carrying," from this infringement no goal can be scored direct. Lai Shiu-wing took the kick and passed to Lee Wai-long. If Lee Wai-long was in line with or in front of the ball when last played he was off-side. If on the other hand (as I believe the Referee contends) he was behind the ball, then the moment he plays the ball, Lai Shiu-wing is off-side being in front of the ball without the necessary two opponents between him and the opposing goal. There can be no question of non-interference with the play, for his position so close to the goal must have distracted the goalkeeper's attention.

Hard luck, Salgon! You had a raw deal in both the first and second games. Unseen penalties the first day, and poor control on the second.

OLD BILL.

Tremendous Interest In The Sweepstake

The Racing Club will enter into a new era to-morrow, for after a continuous annual run of over half a century, the disappearance of the Wong-Noi-Chong Stakes and the Valley Stakes (both for China ponies, subscription griffins of the current racing season) on the programme has been surmounted by replacing three sections in the Sydney Maiden Stakes confined to Australian ponies, subscription griffins of the meeting, and several handicap events for old Australian and China gee-gees.

There is no doubt that all means of access to the race-course will be heavily taxed and it can be safely said that we shall see one of the biggest crowds ever assembled at the Valley on Monday on account of the popularity manifested in the special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby, which sale, at the time of writing has exceeded over 520,000 tickets.

NEW SALES RECORD FOR DERBY SWEEP TICKETS

A new record has been set for the sale of Derby Sweepstake tickets. When the Jockey Club office closed yesterday afternoon, about 590,000 tickets had been disposed of. By 10 a.m. to-day sales had topped the 600,000 mark. This made the sales for yesterday around 70,000.

The present first prize, after deducting the percentage for the British War Organisation Fund and the Fund for Relief of Distressed in China, would be about \$190,000.

Assuming that the Sweep reaches 700,000, the first prize would be about \$225,000.

The stage is well set, the Grand Stand and all the private boxes have had a good "dusting up," and there is as usual a lovely display of seasonable and beautiful flowers on the lawns. Picking-of-flowers-is-against one of the rules of the Club.

Those, who are unable to attend the meeting before lunch, are reminded that the fifth event on the first four days of racing is timed to run off at 3 p.m. after the fifth interval.

I sincerely trust readers will appreciate that it is not an easy job to give tips, owing to the fact that practically all the ponies have two or more engagements per day at a big meeting, and therefore, the task of ascertaining where they are going to start has always been a knotty problem for racing writers. Without

any help from the owners there is no other recourse than to employ horse-sense to the best of one's knowledge. Before commenting on the prospects of various candidates for the first day of the big meeting, I would like to drop a few lines on what I had the pleasure of seeing over the week-end.

WEEK-END OUTINGS Worthy Contenders For The Derby

THE stretching of China ponies (bona fide griffins of this season) at the racecourse last Saturday, coupled with the gallops on Sunday, has given me a good line to solve the burning question "What is going to win the Hongkong Derby?"

Of course, the nomination of 34 candidates (Leading Time and Royber on the walking list) for the most exclusive event of the Colony truly be hailed down to a dozen worthy contenders, and alphabetically they are Burford, Craigavon, Dupont Bay, Eve of Dancing, For All Time, Grether, Johnner, Mount Hope Bay, Ohio, Possible, Satinlight and Spiclight.

My best three are Burford, Mount Hope Bay and Satinlight.

I may be taking a wrong course, but I have good reason from the observation made to follow Satinlight as the star candidate of the Shanghai challenger's string. There is, however, a strong current rumour running down Ice House Street (Colony's curb exchange) that Spiclight is the good horse to have your money on, but personally I cannot give much credence to the Rialto's report.

MOUNT HOPE BAY

I AM going to avoid wearying the readers with a complete list of the best gallops done by each individual candidate during the early mornings, but a review of my favourite's (Mount Hope Bay) performance of last Sunday will not, I trust, be out of order.

Mount Hope Bay was sent over the champion course and Mr. Dunbar's bay stallion took 2.30 1/4 to cover the journey of 1 1/4 miles, coming home in 20 1/2 seconds for the last quarter. It may be interesting to know that the last half mile was a fifth of a second inside one minute, and the last mile was run in 2.03 1/4.

I was much impressed with the finish, and in the circumstances I have no other alternative but to vote Mount Hope Bay annexing the Hongkong Derby to be run on Monday.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE FIRST DAY



The constant stream of people up and down the stairway of Exchange Building terminates at the office of the Hongkong Jockey Club. This is a view of the terminus where folk from all walks of life join in the general rush for tickets in the Derby Sweep.—Staff Photographer.

Entries And Handicaps For Events To-morrow

ENTRIES AND HANDICAPS for the events of the opening day (to-morrow) are as follow:

CHALLENGE CUP

12.00 noon.—Bear Claw (161), Confusion Bay (161), Eve of Harvest (158), Galaxy (158), Happy Eve (158), Just in Time (161), Navylight (161), Rucylight (161), Red Feather (161), Satinlight (161), Spiclight (161).

BENDIGO HANDICAP

12.30 p.m.—A. Great Time (150), Baffin Bay (160), Cocklehol (145), Courting Eve (150), Criffel (150), Devonian (155), Double Finesse (140), Lancashire Chips (155), Strathroy (152), Tornado Star (140), Vixen Tor (152).

MAIDEN STAKES

1.00 p.m.—Alexandria Bay (161), Attacking Time (150), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Care Free (161), Charlesber (161), Clembur (161), Common View (161), Craigavon (161), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Hunting (158), Eve of Peace (158), Eve of Reason (161), Eve of Rest (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gny Star (161), Grether (161), Hillsboro Bay (155), Hopeful Star (161), Jane Doe (161), Johnner (158), Kentucky (155), Lauraber (161), Law and Order (161), Leading Time (161), Little Princess (155), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ohio (161), Oilway, late Egmont Bay (161), O-Lan (158), Omaha (161), Oomph (158), Ose, late Rosy Time (155), Palber (161), Patricia (161), Possible (158), Prince Charming (161), Rucylight (161), Resisting Time (158), Ronson (158), Rose Charming (161), Rose Drive (161), Rose Perfect (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Silver Wings (161), Smashing Through (161), Spiclight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158), Xenophon (161).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

1.30 p.m.—A Good Time (152), Albury (155), Amicus Curiae (155), Ascot Day (155), Australian Diamond (155), Australian Prince (152), Finalist (155), Forchard Drive (152), King's Caprice (155), Lucky Lady (155), Many Thanks (155), Melody Star (155), Nancy Lee (152), Powerful Kid (155), Princess Clara (152), Qulek Despatch (155), Rowan (155), Shuttlecock (152), Spring Shine (152), Surprise Again (155).

CURRAGH HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

3.00 p.m.—Boat Bay (163), Commencement Bay (163), Dope Star (140), Factorie (158), Galveston Bay (150), Laughing Girl (140), Lovely Star (150), National Pride (148), Rose-Queen (163), Royal Highness (153), Seaside View (147), Tampa Bay (159), Tim (161).

CORAL HANDICAP

3.30 p.m.—A Grand Time (162), A Great Time (150), Baffin Bay (160), Chiltern (150), Cocklehol (145), Criffel (150), Devonian (155), Lucky Lady (155), Strathroy (152), Tornado Star (140), Triumphant Day (145), Winfred (152).

TRIAL PLATE

4.00 p.m.—Alexandria Bay (161), Attacking Time (150), Bronze Arrow (161), Burford (161), Care Free (161), Charlesber (161), Craigavon (161), Distinctive Time (161), Dupont Bay (161), Eve of Dancing (161), Eve of Folly (158), Eve of Hunting (158), Eve of Peace (158), Eve of Reason (161), Eve of Rest (158), For All Time (161), Forty Three (158), Gny Star (161), Grether (161), Hillsboro Bay (155), Hopeful Star (161), Jane Doe (161), Johnner (158), Lauraber (161), Law and Order (161), Leading Time (161), Mount Hope Bay (161), Ohio

Jockeys And Ponies

THE ABSENCE of Messrs J. Pote-Hunt and T. L. Wong from the saddle on account of the share market boom in Shanghai will no doubt be much felt by Messrs. Li Po-chun and Li Lan-sang.

It is learned that Messrs. B. L. Tao and P. Y. Wei will look after Mr. Li Po-chun's long string of animals, while Mr. V. V. Needa will be up on the Dynast's lot and Mr. T. K. Li's bunch of griffins.

Mr. F. "Peanut" Marshall does not require any introduction, but Mr. G. E. Gram, who is here in the interest of Mr. B. W. Bradbury's array of ponies, can be recommended as a first class jockey.

Mr. I. H. Howell, who hails from Tientsin, is a free lancer, and so is Mr. Sam Judah.

Mr. Eric Moller has brought down two jockeys, Messrs. C. B. and R. B. Moller, and both will don their fathers' chocolate gold braid, red sleeves and cap. A dearth of jockeys will not be felt.

Watford Defeat Clapton Orient 2-1

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In the South "A" Section of the English Regional soccer League to-day, Clapton Orient lost to Watford 1-2.

(161), Oilway (161), O-Lan (158), Ose (158), Patricia (161), Rucylight (161), Ronson (158), Rose Charming (161), Rose Perfect (161), Royber (161), Satinlight (161), Smashing Through (161), Spiclight (161), Victoria (161), White Diamond (158).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

4.30 p.m.—Alfther (155), Big Wedge (155), Catterick Bridge (152), Circo (155), Comedy Star (155), Contact (152), Grand Allegiance (152), Income Tax (155), Jungle Princess (152), Kitti (152), Lovely Kid (140), Maple Star (152), Perola (140), Sylvandale (144), Piccadilly Jim (152), Puntello (152), Radon (155), Sapper (155), Venus Bay (155), Viceroy (155), Winnie (155).

CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

5.00 p.m.—Advancing Time (163), Clowner (140), Guinness Time (155), Salvage Master (140), Soldier of Britain (163), Soldier of China (150), Strathannock (163), Sunlight View (140), Sylvandale (144).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)

5.30 p.m.—A Green Time (152), Brown Derby (162), Busylight (152), Calmout (155), Cheerful Star (152), Connleber (152), Fair Chance (155), Far View (155), Flying Dutchman (152), Franklin (152), Gala Day (152), Longdon (152), Mint Julep (152), Sea Jay (155), Shine Again (155), Sparrow (152), Springhurst (152), Vanity Fair (155), Warrego River (162).

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS

THE CURTAIN RAISER of the Annual Carnival will be the Challenge Cup for China ponies over a distance run of 1 3/4 miles, which is the same course as the St. Leger, and the classic is worth winning.

Mr. Eric Moller has been holding the first log since February 27, last year, and if Navylight is saddled to capture the second, I am afraid his chance is a poor one.

Confusion Bay has already qualified for the Champion Stakes at the Extra Meetings held during the second half of the 1939 season, and in the circumstance I have reason to believe that the American owner will send out this pony so that the Cup may not fly to Shanghai.

The finish should therefore be Confusion Bay, Eve of Harvest and Navylight.

BENDIGO HANDICAP

A Speedy Trip

IN the Bendigo Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I fancy Mrs. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, but the John Peel's contender, Cocklehol or Criffel, is dangerous enough to upset the favourite.

Courting Eve and Double Finesse (both by Double Court) are nicely weighted, the latter being set to carry only 140 lbs. It is a sprint and all the above are speedy merchants.

MAIDEN STAKES Big Field Expected

WE are bound to see a big field in the Maiden Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting, and the jaunt is over the six furlongs course.

With due respect to all the gate practices, the youngsters at the annual big meeting generally seem to be overwired at the starting post by the variegation of racing colours and the presence of large crowds with the result that it is not unusual to see good sprinters being badly left.

However Dupont Bay, Gay Star, Johnner, O-Lan, Possible, Rucylight, Spiclight and White Diamond are a few that will likely face the start. My choice is Rucylight, Dupont Bay and Johnner.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (First Section)

THE first public appearance of the Australian subscription griffins of this season will be seen in the Sydney Maiden Stakes, and the event has been divided into three sections to avoid overcrowding the field.

A lot depends upon the start, and punters are advised not to overlook the position of the draw, preference should be given to No. 3 to 9 inclusive.

A bunch of 20 ponies has been assigned to the first section by the draw, and we have here a good number of filers such as Albury, Amicus Curiae, Ascot Day, Australian Diamond, Finalist, Many Thanks and Melody Star.

The order of the finish, I expect, will be Ascot Day, Australian Diamond and Melody Star. The last named is a progeny of Double Court.

CURRAGH HANDICAP (First Section)

THE Curragh Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies will be the first event after the 11/11 interval, and the run is over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in.

In the Last Chance Handicap run on December 16, the winner (Rose Flann) beat Galveston Bay by a length, but Mr. Eu's racer has joined the "B" company, and in the circumstance Mr. L. Dunbar's pony should give a good account of herself. Galveston Bay has done a lot of amah work during the last two months, and the mare is well keyed.

I expect Mr. Needa will take out Royal Highness. Neaving Boat Bay to Mr. S. V. Pan. I prefer the former, but I do not expect Royal Highness will turn the tables on Galveston Bay. National Pride is in fine condition and the stallion is a good outsider. Laughing Girl may find the distance not to her liking.

CORAL HANDICAP

A Long Journey For The Australians

A GOOD fight is assured in the Coral Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, but I do not expect to see a good field owing to the fact that it is a distance outing over 1 1/4 miles. Furthermore, I have reason to believe that a Grand Time and "Lucky Lad" will not accept (both being set to shoulder 162 lbs.), because in the Melbourne Cup over the same distance on Monday, both 1939 champions have to draw only 154 lbs.

However, Baffin Bay and Devonian are in the hands of Mr. Dunbar's Russian trainer, and it looks to me that Lady Northwester's candidate will weigh out. Devonian is looking extremely well, his coat shining like an apple, and with Mr. Black in the saddle the combination is hard to beat.

Chiltern has some good poundage to carry, but Cocklehol, Tornado Star and Triumphant Day have been kindly treated. The low weights are dangerous. Remember Triumphant Day does not like a hard going.

TRIAL PLATE First Log Of The Daily Double

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Trial Plate for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this meeting, and the excursion trip is over the champion course of 1 1/4 miles. It has been the custom for the good "uns to evade one another before the running of the Hongkong Derby, and it is therefore, hard to make a selection of the probable starters.

It may perhaps not be known that Burford is under suspicion, but there is every possibility of the pony starting in the big classic.

I doubt if Mount Hope Bay will appear before the clerk of the scales, for the American owner has in the past reserved his best for the Blue Riband.

Taking everything in the balance it seems that the Trial Plate will be a gift to the Shanghai challenger, and I figure that Spiclight will be saddled for the event. The mare should not have any difficulty in passing the post first after her dazzling performance of a mile in 1.57 1/2 run on Wednesday morning. I was glad to witness the gallop because it confirmed the report which I received from Shanghai that Spiclight had done a mile there in 1.54, and the news was published in my notes of February 2.

If Satinlight is sent out instead of Spiclight, the stallion is just as good. Craigavon and Johnner should fill the lower positions in the frame.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (Second Section)

THE second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes for Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting, over six furlongs should prove interesting, for Sapper and Viceroy have been drawn together to fight the issue out. In addition there are After, Contact, Grand Allegiance, Jungle Princess and Venus Bay.

It may be of interest to know that Contact and Venus Bay were sired by Double Court, but both offspring are young and they appear to be very "green."

I vote Sapper with Viceroy and Jungle Princess to follow in the rear.

CURRAGH HANDICAP (Second Section)

THERE should not be much trouble to find the second leg of the daily double in the Curragh Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies over a route from the two mile post, once round and in. Advancing Time looks good, and with the owner-jockey claiming 5 lbs. allowance, Mr. Ho Hong-ping should be able to present his card for the first prize. The Fanling hurdlers (Clowner and Sylvandale) PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

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Naval Heroes To Be Honoured R.A.F. Casualty List Issued

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood that a civic luncheon will be given to the officers and men of H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax at Mansion House next week. Final arrangements have not yet been made but it is expected that active service and 17 died on active service. Mr. Winston Churchill will be present.

Brutality Disclosed In Official Statement NAZIS TRY TO STAMP OUT POLISH PEOPLE

PARIS. NAZI determination to exterminate the population of Poland, notably the intellectuals, is shown in all its horror in a semi-official statement issued by the Polish Press Bureau on German atrocities in Poland.

The Polish Government estimates that 18,000 leading men and women in all classes of society have been massacred by the Germans since the Nazi occupation of the country and "the slaughter still continues." Immediately after entering Poland the Germans started mass executions among the Polish population. They undertook to destroy all the Polish leaders in Pomerania, Poznan and Silesia; not only political leaders but also all members of the clergy and notable figures in economic circles.

Shot By Troops

German troops, immediately they set foot in Poland shot a certain number of priests, lawyers, doctors and tradesmen. In Silesia the members of the Association of Silesian Insurgents who in 1919-1921 fought to liberate Silesia from German domination were massacred.

At Bydgoszcz the German Army killed several thousands of Polish inhabitants. Slaughtering of this kind took place in all the towns of Poznan, Pomerania and Silesia.

Then came a long series of mass executions, the authors of which were S.S. and Gestapo. These executions continue over Western Poland and are of a particularly brutal nature, aiming at exterminating all the population.

"Long Live Poland"

Generally these executions take place in public in the principal squares of towns and villages, especially on market days.

As an example, five Poles were shot in the market place of a small provincial town, Szamotuly, about October 20 last year.

At a certain house members of the S.S. closed the streets which overlooked the market place. The five young Poles were then placed against the wall. Before dying they cried, "Long live Poland."

After the men had been shot, by a firing squad, the officer in command of the S.S. detachment again shot them in the head. Those who saw the scene wept and women fainted.

Amazing Voyage By Germans

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that five German seamen have arrived safely in Germany after spending 74 days in a 29-foot life-boat off the West African coast.

They made their way from Pory, where they sheltered on the outbreak of war, to Las Palmas.

Japanese Airman's "Suicide Dive"

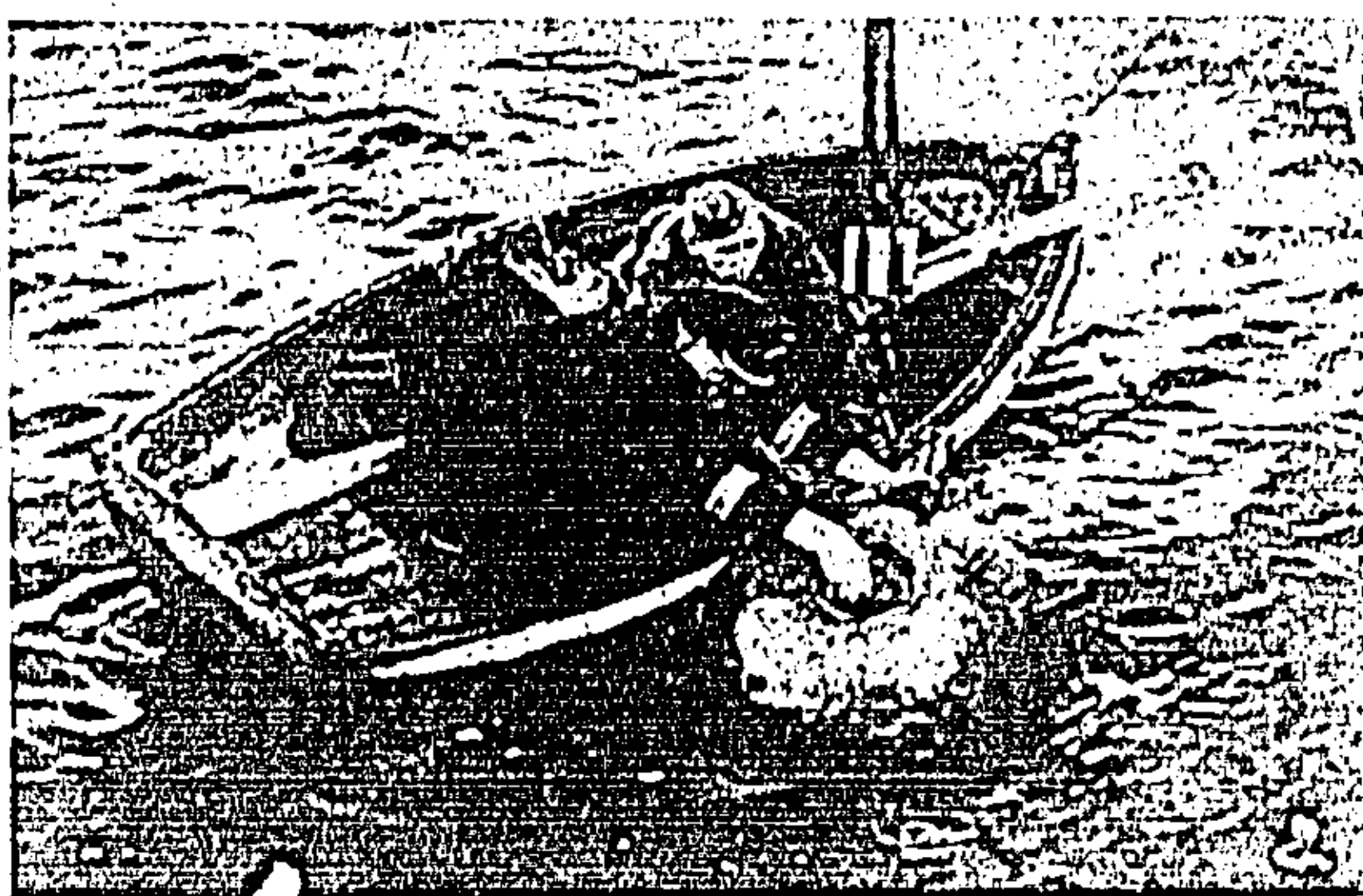
CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—French sources here report that the Japanese bombing of the Haiphong-Kunming Railway on Tuesday caused no damage and that the bridge was not hit.

Chinese circles, commenting on the Japanese report that a Japanese bomber made a "suicide dive towards the bridge," point out that the machine crashed at Wenshan, or about 15 miles away from the bridge.

COMMUNISTS GAOLED

PARIS, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—Nine Communists were sentenced to terms from one to five years' imprisonment by a military court for carrying on Communist propaganda. They include the Mayor of Bigneux and three Municipal Councillors.

REMOVING MINENKRIEG STING



DRIFTING MINES are a source of constant terror to neutral shipping. This Scandinavian photo shows one such mine being carefully handled by a patrol. —Domei.

Python Breaks Two Years' Fast

LONDON.—The 15-foot hunger-striking python of Manila broke its fast of two years and four months to-day by swallowing five chickens in quick succession.

According to natural history experts, it thus missed by some two months its chance of beating the record.

This, it is stated, was established by a python, at the Paris Zoo which fasted two and a half years.

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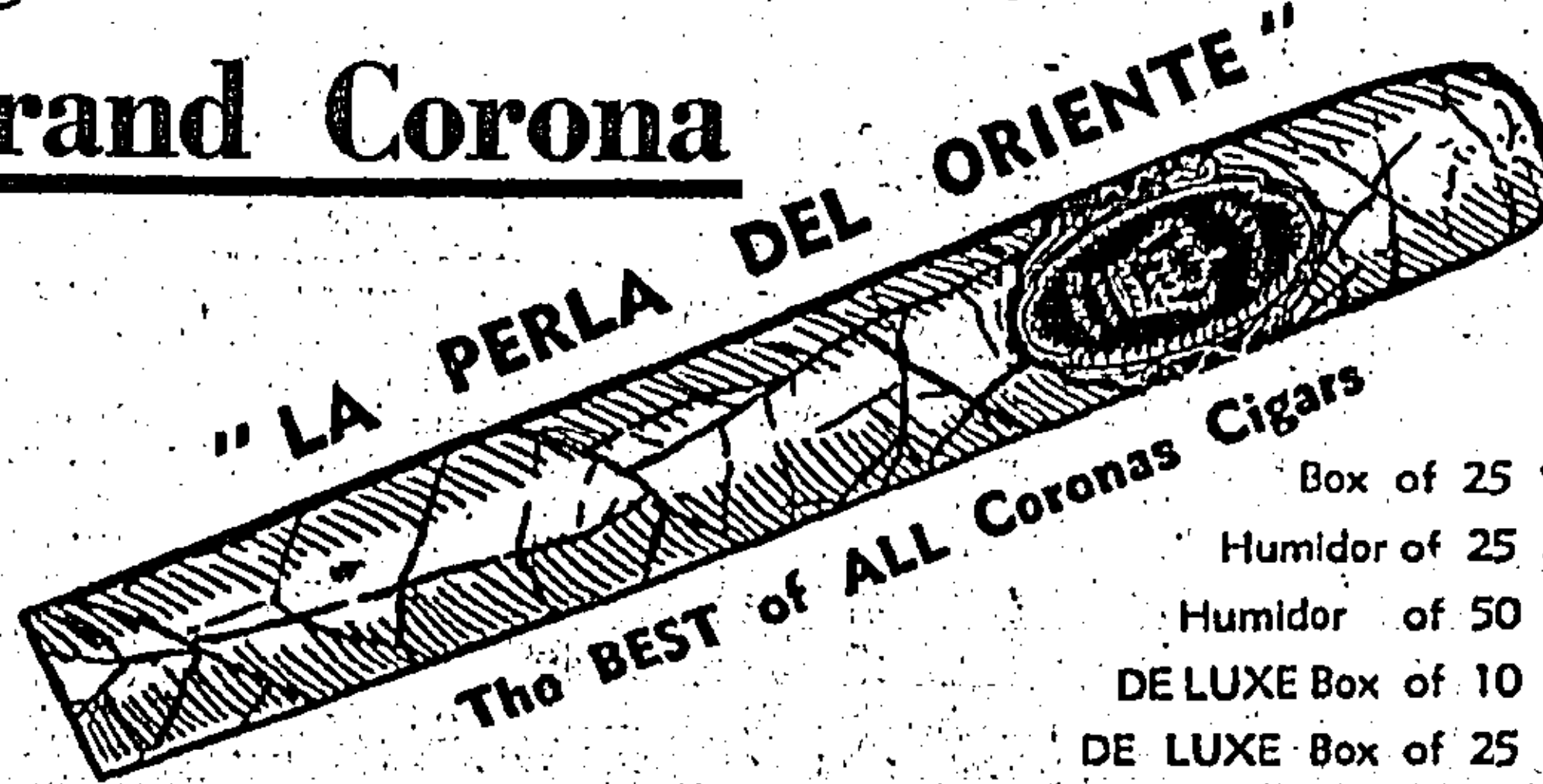
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RUSSIA ABANDONS SUMMA OFFENSIVE

Greatest Defeat For Russian Arms Since 1915 Tannenberg Disaster

By EDWARD BEATTIE
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, FEB. 16 (UP).—"FINIS" SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN TO THE BATTLE OF SUMMA.
IT WILL RANK IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST BATTLE EASTERN EUROPE HAS WITNESSED IN A CENTURY.
RUSSIAN ARMS HAVE NOT SUSTAINED SUCH A DEFEAT SINCE TANNENBERG IN THE GREAT WAR.

To-day, a thousand Finnish outposts in the dirty slush before the Mannerheim Lines are enjoying their first respite in over a fortnight of intense bombardment that has been paralleled in world history only by the major battles of the Western Front in the last war.

BROKE AGAINST SOLID WALL

Like every other attack, the Russian offensive has broken itself against a solid wall of compact, determined men, fighting with super-human effort to save their country from invasion and destruction.

Roosevelt May Meet European Leaders Secret Cruise In U.S. Destroyer

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Considerable speculation has been aroused here by a cryptic remark made by President Roosevelt to newspaper representatives prior to his leaving for a holiday cruise in the cruiser Tuscaloosa.

President Roosevelt said it might be fair to assume that his sea trip would combine business with his holiday.

Speculation arose because President Roosevelt did not choose to deny a question put to him as to whether there was a possibility that he would make contact with British, French and Italian authorities during his cruise.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that the President might extend his cruise to a region where the neutrally patrol vessels are keeping watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

DRIFTING MINE SIGHTED

Another mine was seen this morning by the Cheung Chau Police Station.

A fisherman made a report when he saw the mine drifting towards the shore at Cheung Rock.

The naval authorities have been informed.

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Augustus John, who resigned from the Royal Academy in April, 1939, as a protest against the Academy's rejection of a portrait by Wyndham Lewis, was to-day re-elected a Royal Academician.

BRITAIN TO CALL UP ANOTHER 200,000 MEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—It is officially learned that all the aged 23 will be called up next Saturday.

The total is approximately 250,000 but this number is expected to be reduced to 200,000 by the exemption of those in reserved occupations.

Men of 23 years of age will be the first of five classes which are liable to be called up this year. It is expected that those aged 27 will be called up about November.

It is officially stated that the army has risen from 600,000 to over 1,200,000 during the year ending January 31.

MEASLE WOGS LIBELLED!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—London, just recovering from an epidemic of "blitzu," is now suffering from German measles.

But London newspapers are referring to the latest epidemic by its Latin name of "rubella."

After all, doctors say, it's hardly fair on the measles wogs to tag them with the name "German!"

Goering Boasts: 'We Cannot Be Beaten'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (UP).—"The Greater Reich cannot be beaten militarily, economically or morally," declared Field Marshal Goering in a broadcast to-day to the farm men and women of Germany.

"The English should recognise this," he declared.

He summoned the farm workers to redouble their efforts during the coming year to offset the extreme cold of this winter and the Allied blockade.

"Germany is on the threshold of a battle of production," he contended.

Goering emphasised the German preparedness for war and claimed that the Reich Government has seven million tons of wheat and grain stored in reserve.

"We Are Not Starving"

"We are not starving," he declared, "We have not got too much, but we certainly shall not starve."

Officials refused to disclose from whence the broadcast was made. Goering began his speech at 6.15 p.m.

"German farm men and women, before every great battle our watchword has been given."

"We think of Frederick the Great's watchwords before his great battles. Although the ground is frozen you men and women stand on the threshold of a battle of production. I am now giving you the watchword for battle," he said.

He asserted that England feels insecure.

"It is ironic that England's fat and bacon cans give a false picture of the Germans," he declared and added that millions of tons of British food reserves "lie on the sea bottom around England."

He charged that the British Empire has been built up on "injustice and violence."

"They fooled us in 1918 but never again," he said.

Record Crops

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—In a broadcast to agricultural workers to-day, Marshal Goering said that the extreme cold of winter has caused Germany great trouble but spring will demand great labour from all German farmers.

"Although frost still blinds," he said, "you are in the midst of preparations for a new battle of production."

Goering said that the last two years had brought record crops. Germany had increased her production of fats and the consumption of meat had risen.

"We have laid in ample stocks of raw materials which we cannot produce ourselves. We cannot be defeated economically or in the military field," he said.

Goering then claimed that Germany had a reserve of 7,000,000 metric tons of wheat.

Speaking about the scarcity of coal, Goering said that Germany had ample coal but the German railways were struggling with enormous difficulties. Many tanks were frozen.

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OPERATOR'S BRAVERY

"Sparks" Sent Out S.O.S. Until Ship Sank

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The skipper of the 12,000-ton steamer Sultan Star, sunk by a U-boat (itself immediately afterwards destroyed) in the Atlantic on Wednesday, on the arrival of survivors in England yesterday described the Wireless Operator, P. G. Windsor, as the bravest man he had ever seen.

"As soon as we were hit in a vulnerable spot," he said, "I ordered Sparks to send out an S.O.S. call and in the face of imminent peril he continued to send out message after message."

"The ship was gradually slipping down backwards into the water as she was rapidly filling up astern."

"When the stern was completely under water with the bows high in the air," he warned Sparks that he must take his chance by abandoning with the rest of the crew, but he insisted on staying at the transmitter until he was certain that the messages had been picked up. And he did.

"When he left the wireless cabin, the funnel was already under water with just the edge lying on the surface. The ship was half-submerged."

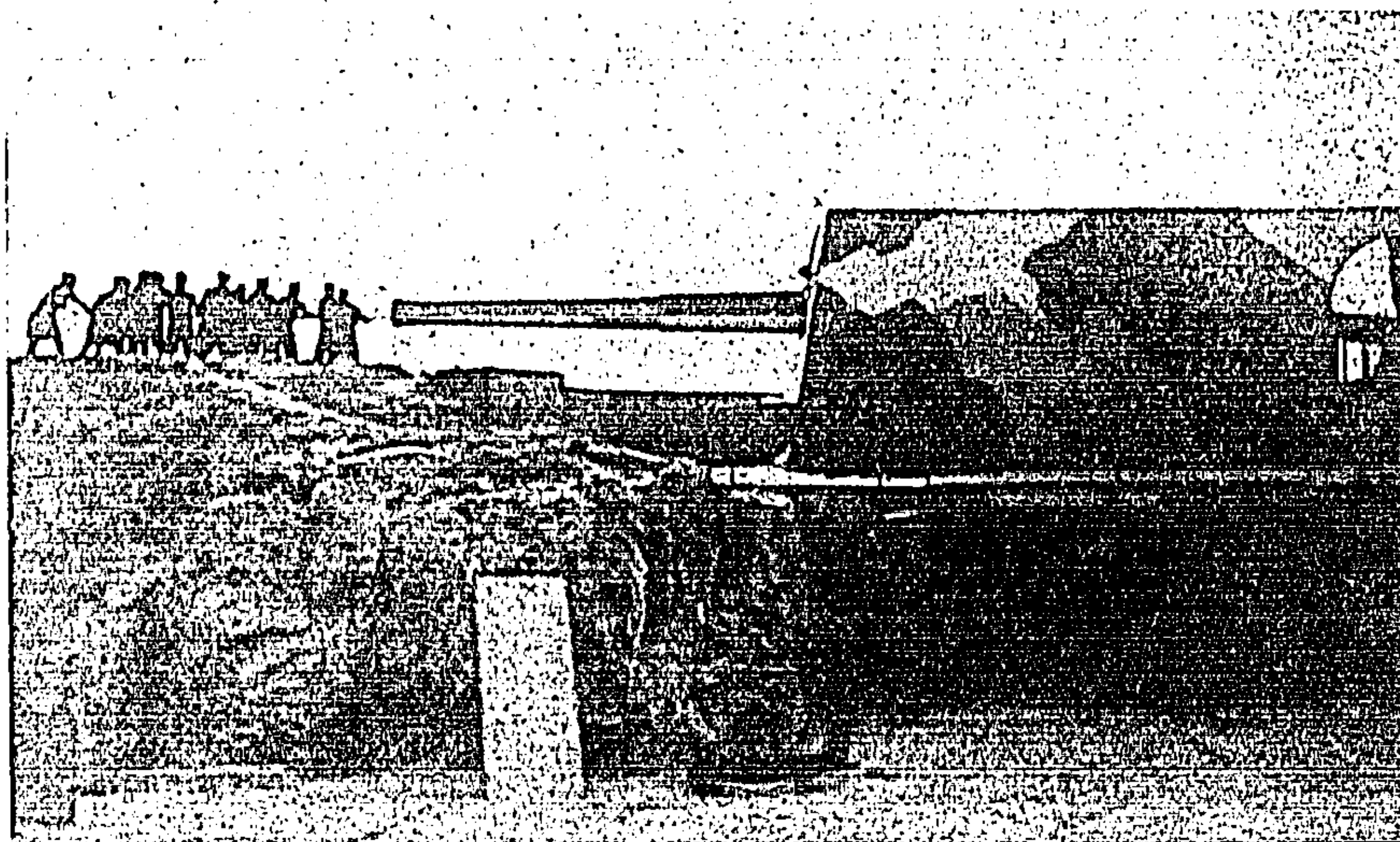
"We had given up hope of seeing him again when she appeared about to plunge, but after contacting a British warship he appeared on the port side and jumped for it."

"In less than a minute, the Sultan Star had foundered."

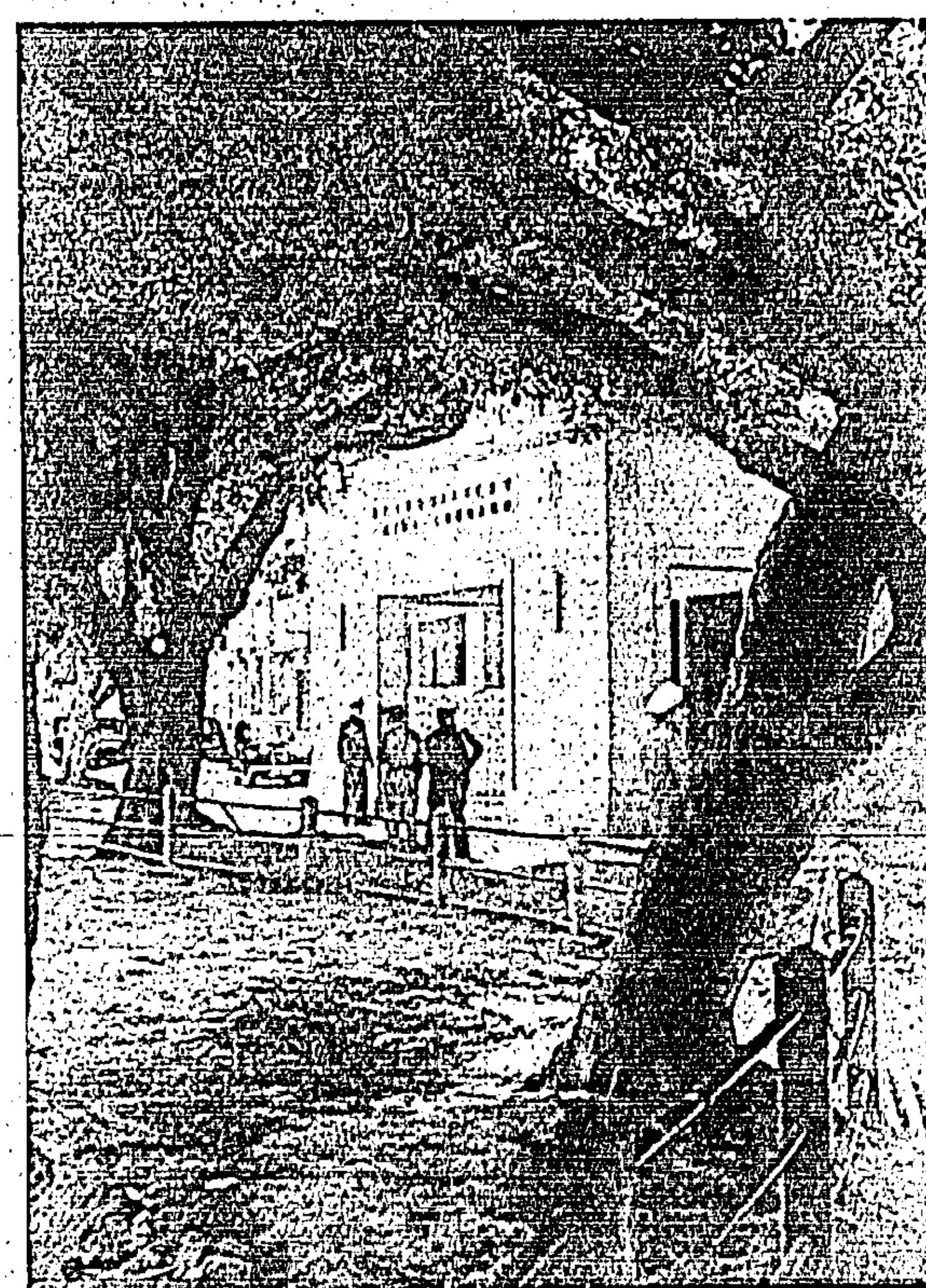
NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Diamond Shoals lightship off Cape Hatteras went adrift at 8.55 p.m. E.S.T. on Wednesday. It is still loose.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish the first of a new series of photographs, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



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FIFTH U-BOAT BELIEVED SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The destruction of at least four U-Boats—the best bag of the war—is Britain's reply to Nazi threats.

News of the Navy's excellent work has been received enthusiastically in London.

Morning newspapers publish pictures of U-Boat survivors arriving under military escort, leading to the belief that a fifth U-Boat has been destroyed nearer home, since no mention was made of survivors in the Admiralty announcement of the earlier sinkings.

The "Daily Herald" interprets Germany's announcement of unrestricted warfare on neutral shipping as evidence of the extension of Hitler's megalomania.

"He thinks himself entitled to issue decrees backed by threats, not only to apply to German people, but to the peoples of the whole world."

Retribution For Murderers

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Bergen "Aftenblad," a U-boat blew up and sank, apparently as the result of action by a British destroyer, before it could fire a torpedo.

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Blitzkrieg: All The Latest

German Offensive In Mid-March?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (Dome).—Germany's much-heralded "Blitzkrieg" is to start in mid-March.

At least, that is the latest date set by the man-in-the-street in Berlin, who is somewhat bewildered at the constant promises that such-and-such-a-date will be "Der Tag."

There are indications, however, that Hitler may indeed be preparing to launch his spring offensive within the next three or four weeks.

Reservists are being called up throughout the country and Germany has now extended mobilisation to Austria.

Official circles claim that the reorganisation of the German air force is now completed. They assert that German factories are now producing 2,000 warplanes a month, as compared with the Allied monthly production of 1,500 planes.

Soldiers' Leave Cancelled

All leave for soldiers has been cancelled as from to-day, and a

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LATEST INSPECTOR IN BOX

Evidence Against European Closed

Further evidence was given this afternoon in the case in which Lt. Parkinson, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, is charged before Mr. E. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with the manslaughter of Wong Chiu-lan, a 9-year-old Chinese boy, while driving his car, No. 550, along Bonham Road on December 23.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr., instructed by Mr. D. L. Strelitz, is appearing for the prosecution while Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting assisted by Traffic Inspector Saunders.

New Details Of Epic Encounter Disclosed

FOUGHT GRAF SPEE IN THEIR PYJAMAS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Commander Robert R. Graham, of H.M.S. Exeter, who still carries 15 pieces of shrapnel in his body from the River Plate action, said that his lasting impression of the battle was the way the men behaved, particularly the wounded who were "really magnificent."

"We had expected great things of them, but their behaviour was far more wonderful than even we could conceive," he said.

Commander Graham added that during the action they came within 8,000 yards of the Graf Spee.

The Commander had a shrapnel wound in his face and other injuries to his legs.

Lost Both Legs

Lieut. Commander Smith, the Torpedo Officer, speaking of the bravery

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Child's Beauty Habits Insure Loveliness

By JACQUELINE HUNT

THE moment a little girl shows signs of taking an interest in her own good looks is the moment to begin teaching her how to care for her hair, says Laura de Gez, well-known woman hair stylist. The beginning of vanity can mark the beginning of good beauty habits that will cling to her through life, and for which she will be rewarded with perfection not only in hair and skin health, but in lovely hands and superb grooming.

One of the widespread ideas about children's hair that she wants to debunk, is that permanents are injurious to a child's hair. This was once true, when a permanent wave was a risky thing even for thick, coarse hair. But permanent waving at the hands of an expert to-day is safe for any child from the age of two onward. Hot irons, metal curlers and sharp bobby pins so often used to curl children's hair can do much more damage than a permanent waving machine.

But it is important to have the child's hair waved properly. No setting should be necessary, as you will want at all costs to avoid the fussy appearance of any but loose, naturally curling ringlets. An ideal little-girl coiffure, she says, is permanently waved to give softly curling ringlets at the ends, trimmed into a medium bob and then brushed into shining smoothness over the rest of the head. The hair is never set. Just washed with the mildest shampoo liquid, dried with soft towels and fluffed out with the fingers when nearly dry.

Every mother knows a child's hair is easier to keep dressed when there is some curl. The clever and sincere hair stylist never recommends a permanent where one is not needed, however. If a youngster has a natural tendency toward curliness or if her hair is soft and fluffy, she prefers a cut-in wave, and teaches the child how to brush and cure for it, coxing the waves in.

Styling and cutting the hair of a child are just as important as for a grown-up if the hair is to be pretty and neatly groomed. There shouldn't be such a thing as an awkward, gangling, unattractive stage for little girls in this day and age, she says. It is senseless cruelty and a strain on her budding ego to allow it when the ministrations of skin experts and hair experts are available to take her painlessly through this period of adolescence.

She stresses the necessity for keeping the scalp immaculately clean and healthy through this period. Proper scalp care, she says, will prevent and actually help clear up many cases of acne. The routine of hair care for the average little girl includes a hot oil treatment once a month, a shampoo with an alkali-free liquid soap every two weeks, followed by a mild lemon or camomille rinse, and daily brushing sessions of at least fifty strokes night and morning, with the head bent forward or back and the brush moving outward from the scalp so it tugs at the strands of hair and exercises the scalp while it does its polishing job.

Little girls should try new ways of wearing their hair often. It develops a sense of her own good points and will help her to make the best of them later in life. Pride in nice hair and a flattering arrangement will help make her less self-conscious about other faults that are less easily corrected, too. It is good for the hair to change its arrangement frequently, as hair combed endlessly the same way has a tendency to thin, out at the temples.



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Ways With Left-Overs

SANDWICHES are often left over, but there is no need for them to be wasted. If they are toasted outside, top and bottom, and served hot, they will be delicious next day.

If you have some cold potatoes left over from dinner, cut them up finely. Dice some beetroot with a little onion. Mix the vegetables together, seasoning with salt and pepper and a little mustard. Decorate with thin slices of tomato or egg, and you have a supper dish fit for a King.

Left-over suet pudding can be served up again in an appetizing form by cutting it in slices and frying to a golden brown. Serve with cream or custard.

Small odd scraps of bacon should never be thrown away as useless. They can be made into bacon moulds by chopping and mixing with half the bulk of breadcrumbs, grated onion, and bits of tomato. Bind with a beaten egg, add pepper and salt to taste. Put into small greased moulds, and top with breadcrumbs. Bake or steam till set.

Bacon fat must never be left over, especially in war-time. It is useful for cooking purposes. Eggs are better when fried in bacon fat, and omelettes cook better in it than in butter. It is also excellent for greasing tins before baking buns or pastries. Very little is needed, as it spreads so thickly, it may favour the cakes. It is, of course, the ideal fat in which to fry potatoes.

Using Ham Scraps

However carefully ham is carved there are some scraps always left over. A tasty way of using them is to mince finely and add a thick brown sauce made with an ounce of butter and flour to a gill of brown stock. Season with pepper but no salt, and pile the mixture on to rounds of hot buttered toast. If liked, a poached egg can be slipped on top of the ham.

Another method with ham scraps is to bake in a custard made with three eggs and a pint of milk. Add a chopped, fried onion and season with pepper. This is a novel lunch or supper dish.

Did you know that mushroom peelings and stalks are well worth saving for flavouring soups and sauces? All you need do is put them on a tray in the oven and let them dry thoroughly. Then hang in a paper bag until required for use.

Here is a good recipe which makes a change from the usual "fried-up" way of serving everyday left-overs. Skin and slice half a pound of tomatoes, slice some cold boiled potatoes and cold meat. Place a layer of meat, a layer of potatoes, a layer of tomatoes, seasoned with pepper and salt, then a layer of potatoes in a casserole. Continue in this way until the dish is full. Bake in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Bread and butter is often left over after tea. Try this way with it:—Trim off the crusts and break up the bread. Layer the pieces alternately with sliced apple sugar to taste, in a buttered pie-dish. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and two tablespoons of water. Bake in a moderate oven for three-quarters of an hour.

Homely Hints

BEFORE filling a cushion pad with feathers or down, rub over the inside surface of the material with hard soap and the tiny quills cannot work their way out.

When furniture is badly scratched, apply equal quantities of turpentine and linseed oil with a soft rag, and when dry, polish.

If white silk has been scorched, make a paste with bi-carbonate of soda and cold water and leave on the mark until dry.

To separate tumblers which have become stuck, stand in warm water and fill the inner one with cold water.

M. L. B.



And so to bed. A housecoat of gray and rose striped silk and rayon faille is handsomely trimmed with rose-coloured braided frogs. The warm nightie is of white botany flannel with an insert of pink elastic satin.



This square necked nightgown adds beading of ribbon to accent the outline and to bead an additional lace ruffle through the bodice front. The inset corselet is used and the skirt is full cut. In pink sheer with blue ribbons.

Culinary Economies

THE skins of carrots and onions should be added to the stockpot, as they contain valuable salts; and the water in which macaroni, beans, peas, lentils, and rice have been boiled should also be kept for stock.

Bread scraps need never be wasted. Soaked in milk or stock they make the foundation of fillings for pastry cases and sweet or savoury puddings. They may be transformed into rusks, croutons, and bread sticks, fairy toast, charlottes, and innumerable sweet dishes. Odd pieces may be dried, rolled, and stored in tins, to emerge as thickeners for sauces, steamed puddings or a garnish for casserole dishes.

The left-overs of thick pickles, finely chopped with their liquor, will make a useful addition to stews and savouries or to improve the gravy. The strained vinegar remaining from clear pickle is useful for seasoning.

Cold mashed parsnips, seasoned and mixed with grated cheese, make delicious butterless sandwiches, especially with brown bread.

When making marzipan icing for a cake, use only half the stated quantity of ground almonds with the same amount of grated sponge crumbs and several pence will be saved.

After using the mincer for meat, put a piece of stale bread through. This prevents waste and removes all grease from the machine so that it is easily washed.

A tablespoonful of vinegar makes an excellent substitute for an egg in a large cake where several eggs are required.

When using brown sugar for baking or sweet-making, first mix it with a little milk. This makes it as smooth as caster sugar.

Do not discard hot water bottles because their stoppers have become worn and loose. Screw the stopper into a circle of chamois leather, such as the top of an old glove, and no leakage will occur.

If a lump of sugar is placed in the cheese dish it will keep the cheese fresh and free from mould. Left-over potatoes might form the basis of potato and cheese souffles, scones, and pastry. They would be welcome in such dishes as cottage pie, Dutch pudding and Scotch eggs, or with the aid of a forcing bag, look decorative on salads.

M. L. B.

TO minimise the stain of a bad scorch mark, wring a cloth out of very hot water, dip in glycerine and sponge gently. Rinse out by sponging with one part peroxide of hydrogen to four parts of warm water, and rinse finally with clear warm water.

Mince-meat Flan

FOR those who dislike the pastry of mince pies this mince-meat flan will be welcome.

You require:—

Four ounces self-raising flour, 2½ ozs sugar, one egg, two tablespoons milk, half pound mince-meat.

Melt the margarine, add the sugar and egg, and beat all well together. The stir in the flour, lightly, and lastly add the milk. Have ready a well-greased flan mould. Put in the mixture, and bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes till mixture is a light biscuit colour. Turn out and allow to become cold. Heat half-pound mince-meat slightly to make it spread more easily, and fill in the flan with it. Decorate with halved glee cherries and blanched almonds.

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Evacuation of School Children Upheld

Government To Prepare New Plans

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).

—A statement on the evacuation problem was made by Mr. Walter Elliott, Minister of Health, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Elliott said that the Government remained convinced of the desirability of the dispersal of children from the evacuating areas.

Plans, therefore, had been prepared with the object both of retaining in the reception areas as many as possible of the 400,000 children still there, and preparing for a further large-scale evacuation to take place if air-raids developed on a scale involving serious continuous bombing.

It would be for Government to decide in the light of prevailing circumstances, when these plans were to be put into operation.

Queen's Appreciation

The Queen desired to show her appreciation of the great public spirit shown by those house-holders who, during the last six months, had sheltered children unknown to them and had provided for the children home and sympathy of incomparable value.

To each of these house-holders, the Queen proposed to send a personal message as a token of her recognition of their services to others.

Support For Gandhi New President For Indian Congress

BOMBAY, Feb. 15 (Reuter).

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, an eminent Muslim, has been elected President of the forthcoming Indian National Congress to be held at Ramgarh Bihar next month.

Maulana Azad has already received over 1,000 votes, while his opponent, M. N. Roy, the Communist leader, has received over 100.

Like Gandhi, Maulana Azad opposes Nazism and would support India's participation in the war if a settlement was reached between the British Government and Congress.

Roy is opposed to war in any event.

The verdict may be taken as overwhelming support for Gandhi.

No Military Pact With Reds

Nazis Deny Reports Of New Agreement

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).

—Reports published abroad that Russia and Germany have signed a military alliance have been categorically denied by official circles in Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter."

He adds that Wilhelmstrasse officials believe that the news originated from the satisfactory conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia, and they declare that Germany is quite capable of defeating Britain and France alone without Russia.

Germany does not want military help, but does desire neutral neighbours to supply her with raw materials to enable her to break the blockade.

While they are naturally closely watching the outcome of the Franco-British appeals to neutral countries to enter the war, Berlin officials, according to this newspaper correspondent, state that they do not want to see Italy and Russia involved against France and Britain.

HOUSE OF LORDS' SECRET SESSION

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).

—In the House of Lords this afternoon, Lord Ponsonby asked the Government to arrange a secret session to discuss matters arising from the war.

Lord Noel-Buxton, and Viscount Cecil supported the request.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, declined to accede to it on the ground that better results would be achieved if the Lords concerned took the opportunity of discussing privately with members of the Government the questions which they had in mind.

No Disclosures

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, in reply to a question, said that he was confident that there had been no disclosure of proceedings in the House of Commons in the recent secret session, and that it would be evident to any member who was present that the article thereon in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" was not based on any authentic information regarding what was then said but was published for purely propaganda purposes.

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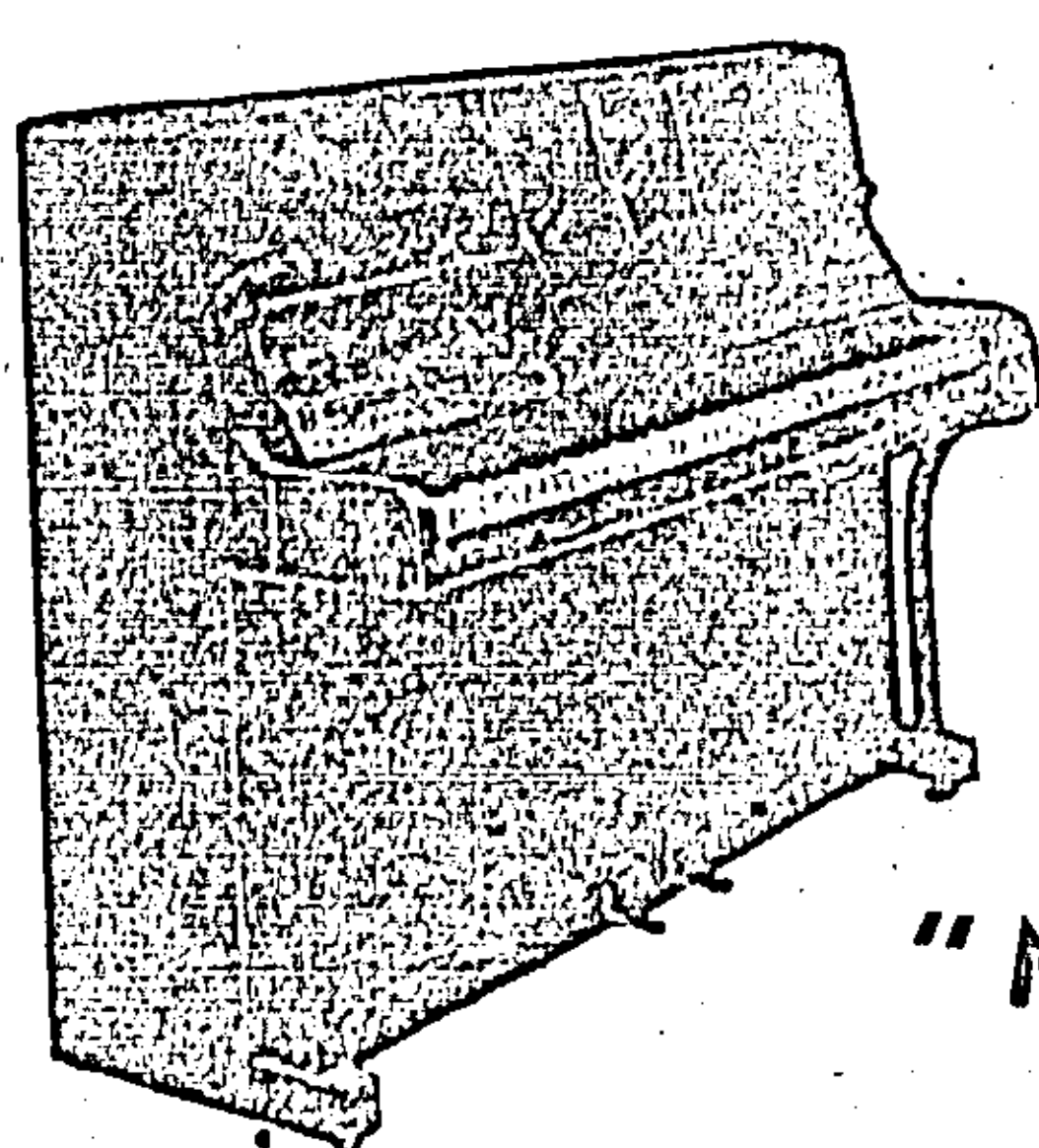
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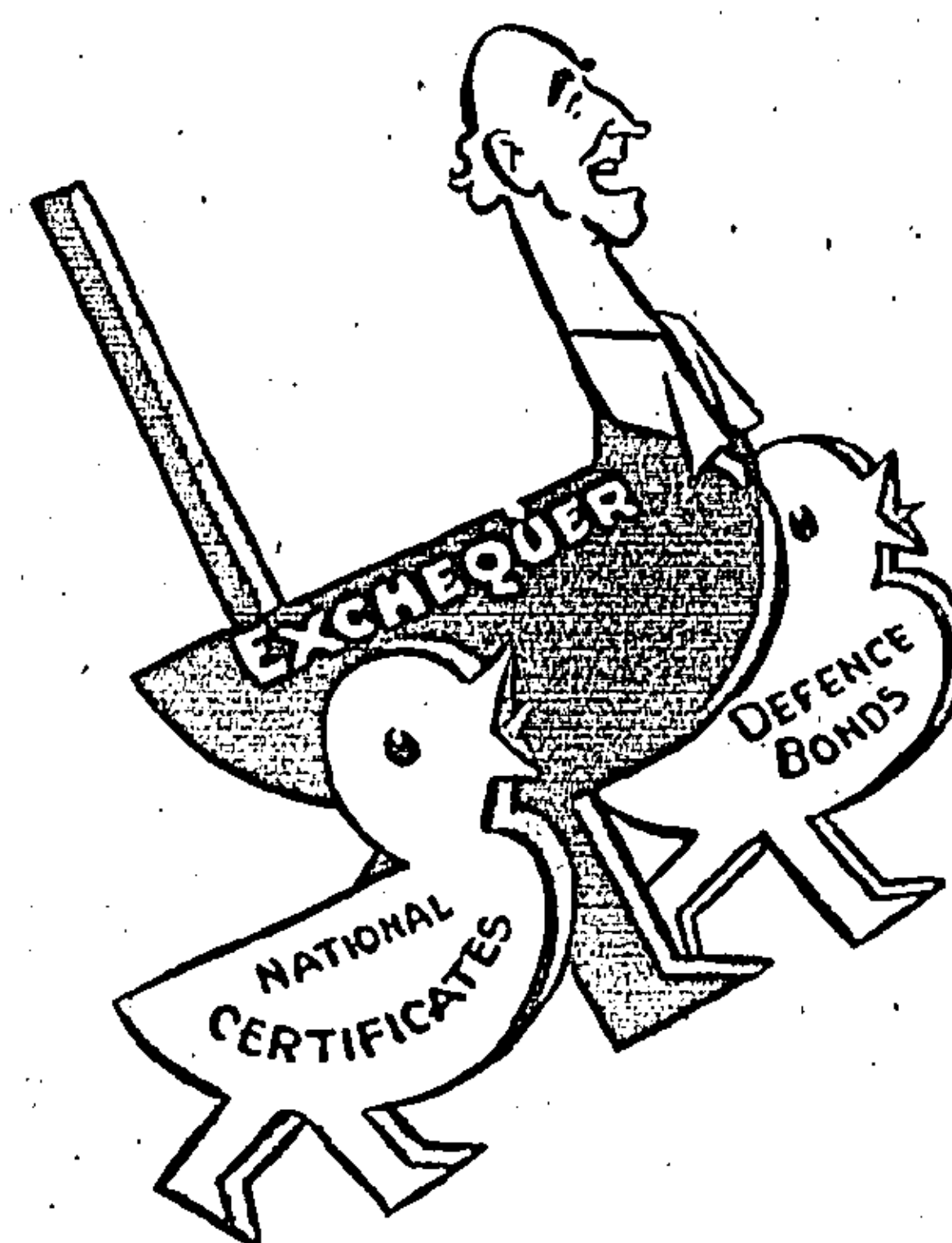
Rights Of Shipping

Neutral reactions to Germany's campaign of murder by U-Boat on the seaways are swiftly becoming clear. The real issue was again impressed upon all the maritime nations this week by the mining of the Dutch steamship Berjerdijk. That crime adds point to the earlier comment that they are heavy sacrifices which neutrals have to bear. By the crippling of the Berjerdijk the Netherlands becomes the heaviest sufferer of all the neutral countries.

It must be gall and wormwood to Hitlerism that neutral countries should resent his piracy. The duty enjoined upon them by the dlatribes now foaming from Berlin is to forget the injuries and insults he has inflicted and protest against the reprisals which the Allies are taking in defence of the rights of shipping. At the outset of the last war the United States was the most energetic champion of the complete freedom of neutrals. The American people are not less intent upon maintaining their neutrality now. Nevertheless, we read that little criticism of the blockade of German exports is to be heard and no more to be expected. Indiscriminate minelaying, it is recognised, compelled retaliation. Though some American importers may be annoyed, sympathy will not await those who wish to go on doing business with Hitlerism. It is recognised that though the reprisals will restrict the work of their merchant marine we were bound to take action.

From Berlin comes the characteristic threat that neutrals may be accused of violating their neutrality if they are unable to carry German exports. We have to acknowledge that the carrying power of the shipping of neutral countries may be diminished for a time by the loss of cargoes from Germany. The blockade thus far has been operated with a conspicuous lack of friction and delay and protest. In its intensification the same fairness and desire to avoid hardship will be shown. But neutrals must ask themselves what is the alternative to the blockade. It is that Germany should continue her destruction of their seamen and their shipping as long as she has a submarine and a mine to put in the sea. Her declared objective is to frighten into uselessness all their ships which she cannot destroy. "Routes which touch England lead to death," is the brag of Berlin. It is a suicidal policy.

George Whitton



Agitated Adolf: "I'll be lucky if I can SAVE my SKIN!"

IT'S NO JOKE in Germany Now!

GREY days, these, for Germany. And they are becoming "greyer and greyer," Dr. Goebbels says so.

So the Reich Minister for Public Enlightenment and Culture and What-Not is trying to put a smile back on the face of Germany.

He won't find it easy. For years it has been dangerous, even if it were possible, to laugh in Germany.

I have been listening to Nazi jokes on the German radio. I have scoured the Nazi Press and magazines for something to smile at. I haven't heard or seen one yet.

Here are two jokes that are supposed to make Berliners roar with laughter:

A man says: "I have just been to a furniture sale and they kicked me out."

"Why did they kick you out?"

"Because it was no sale at all; it was just a removal."

Funny, isn't it? Or this one:

Mother: "Why did you not forbid that Swede to kiss you?"

Daughter: "Sorry, mother, but I cannot speak Swedish."

Can you see anything funny in that story? Nor can the German people. They really have nothing to laugh about these days.

What would you do if your song writers were determined to popularise a song with a refrain like this: "I tear out one of your eyelashes and stab you in the back with it?"

I am not surprised that the German people are gloomy and dreary. But Goebbels will have a tough job trying to make a nation laugh. Even the idea of a man like Goebbels attempting to do it won't raise a German smile.

The Germans who could make jokes have long been confined in concentration camps. Fink, Berlin's greatest (Aryan) entertainer, is now in a labour gang in the Westwall.

The last time he appeared before the German public he brought a big wooden case on the stage. In it he packed, one after another, pictures of Hitler, Goering and Goebbels and other members of the Nazi Government.

Then he produced a huge label and stuck it on the case: DON'T UPSET.

Next day he was under arrest.

Valentin, the Munich comedian, came on the stage with his hand upraised (as for the Nazi salute):

"That high lies the snow in the Bavarian mountains," he said.

The Gestapo warned him not to

make jokes about the Nazi salute.

On another occasion Valentin told his audience:

"Last night I saw a marvellous, huge limousine. Out stepped, to my great surprise, an S.S. leader."

Again the Gestapo warned him not to accuse the S.S. leaders of extravagant life. So he decided to tell his story differently.

"Last night," Valentin said, "I saw a marvellous, huge limousine. Out stepped, to my great surprise—no S.S. leader."

The German doesn't hear jokes like that now.

But the Nazis revelled—long before the war started—in jokes about Englishmen. For instance:

Two Englishmen are travelling together in a compartment. One of them, looking out of the window, points to the green and says, "There is a cow."

An hour passes, after which the other Englishman says, "It was an ox."

After another hour the first Englishman gets up and leaves the compartment. "With a man who always quarrels," he says, "I do not care to travel."

It is a joke designed to make fun of the monosyllabism of British people.

This is an example of non-political Nazi humour: I found it in the best known humorous column in the Berlin Press.

"The young girls of to-day do not look as young as twenty years ago."

"Quite true—some of them are almost ten years older now."

That's all. It is a joke in Germany.

Political jokes predominate, of course, in the Nazi Press. They show you, for instance, a British officer taking off his braces (and losing his trousers) because the W.A.F.s need them now.

Cartoonists and professional entertainers favour Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Churchill, the British lion and John Bull. They dare not look nearer home.

Perhaps the best German joke is one that was not made in Germany, but merely came out of it.

It was brought from Berlin by an American journalist.

"They told me in Germany," he said, "that 90 per cent. of the German people are behind their Fuehrer. Fancy my bad luck—meeting only the remaining one per cent.!"

Can you imagine the German Minister for Mirth laughing at that one?

John Nichol



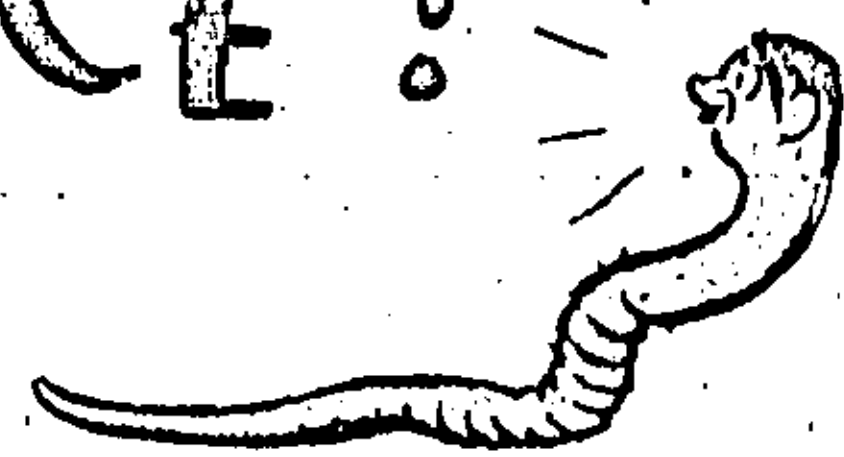
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A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Swansea schoolboy kicked a Rugby football and it did not touch the ground for five miles. It dropped into a motor-lorry passing along a main road by the field, and the game was abandoned while the players on cycles chased the lorry.

They stopped it at Mumbles, five miles away.

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SNAP - SECOND AIR RAID WARNING IN SHETLANDS
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Hermits in the Limelight

By STUART FLETCHER

THE Shetlands seem an odd place to choose for bomb-dropping. So odd that when I read that Shetland schoolchildren were scurrying into shelters while German planes roared above I decided to look into the matter.

I failed to find any particular reason for the German visitations—even if I had I am sure the censor would have suppressed my discovery; but I found out a great deal that was interesting.

You see, I had never taken advantage of the daily air service which, until the war broke out, would deliver a Londoner starting from his home at ten in the morning to the Shetland Islands by early evening.

Indeed, I had never visited the Shetlands at all. All I knew about was Shetland ponies at the seaside. Fair Isle jumpers scintillating on the manly chests of my friends, and a dear old lady of 90 with a hand-loom at Olympia, who had a face which combined a Rembrandt-like wisdom with the complexion of a three-year-old. So I made a voyage to the Shetlands with the aid of guide-books, history books, maps, and encyclopedias. The weather being what it is, it was a very comfortable journey.

The first thing that I learnt about these one hundred islands in the sixteenth century—they are actually 60 miles north of Greenland's most southerly point—was that they are mortgaged to Britain.

Years ago—nearly 500—King Christian I of Norway married off his daughter, Margaret, to James III of Scotland. The dowry amounted to 60,000 florins.

But poor Christian couldn't raise all this money, so he gave James the Orkneys and the Shetlands as a surety.

By the time Margaret actually left Copenhagen for Scotland Christian had found only 2,000 florins of the required total, and when by 1472—four years after the wedding-day—he still hadn't paid up, the islands were annexed by the Scottish Crown.

To this day, however, they may be got out of pawn by Norway on payment of Margaret's dowry.

The steadily decreasing population of the 20 inhabited Shetland Islands amounts to some 25,000 people. The long struggle of islands extends northwards for about 50 miles, and there is no point anywhere on them more than three miles from the sea.

At midsummer there is brilliant light at midnight, and it is possible—but no guide-book can even hint at the exciting beauty of this—to watch the paling sunset merge into the rosy glow of early dawn and the dawning gleams of sunrise.

The inhabitants of the Shetlands are what are often described by city dwellers as simple folk. That is to say, they have for centuries

lived a life uninfluenced by the march of civilisation. Who is to say that they have not been fortunate?

At last, however, civilisation has caught them up, announcing its arrival with bombs.

The islanders earn their livings as crofters or fishermen—very often as both. At Lerwick in June there is herring-madness. The town's population swells to more than ten thousand, and the sea is black with hundreds of drifters arriving back from their all-night fishing excursions.

Peat is the main fuel in the islands: it is cut in rectangular blocks by means of a special spade called a tuskar (Icelandic for turf-cutter).

You can still see women carrying the dried peats to their homesteads over the moors in straw baskets on their backs—the women knitting as they go! And often—though lories are now taking their place—the little Shetland ponies bear home the peats in panniers slung across their backs.

Peat moorland gives way at times to sheep pasture. The Shetland sheep, like the Shetland pony, is diminutive, and is said to be identical with the wild sheep of Siberia.

Shetland wool is not shorn but plucked direct from the necks of these sheep. Fair Isle, where they make the jumpers, is a typical Shetland islet, two and three-quarter miles long by one broad. One hundred people living in sturdy, clean, white-washed cottages, each dotted on its croft. A church, a couple of light-houses, a school-house, pasture and moorland, and a quiet life.

Twice a week a mail-boat crosses a stretch of open Atlantic to this island which has been made famous by a trick its inhabitants learnt from the Spaniards.

In the sixteenth century one of the retreating galleons of the Spanish Armada was wrecked on Fair Isle.

Two hundred men came ashore and caused a famine on the tiny island. But when they went away a year later they left behind them many reasons for the present-day Fair Isle crofter having a dark-skinned handsomeness which contrasts strikingly with the usual Shetland blonde complexion.

The Spaniards also repaid the Fair Isle women for their hospitality by teaching them how to knit the Moorish patterns which have made Fair Isle jumpers famous.

Natural beauty, abundant food, the satisfying rhythm of peasant life, and a seasoning of mechanical progress seem (if the guide-books are to be believed) to have produced something approaching a northern paradise in the sixteenth century.

I think I must go there sometime—when the bombs have stopped dropping.

GOLD FLOWS TO AMERICA

Imports In January Reach \$236,413,000

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—The Department of Commerce reports that gold imports into the United States during January this year, in round figures, were valued at \$236,413,000.

The countries of origin were as follows:

Canada	\$52,000,000
Netherlands	30,414,000
United Kingdom	23,005,000
Japan	37,679,000
Philippines	3,360,371

Silver imports during the same period totalled \$5,709,000 including:

Mexico	\$2,520,000
Japan	1,261,000
Peru	400,000
Philippines	70,158

British Army Doubled Many Volunteers Join Up

LONDON, Feb. 15 (British Wireless).—The British Army strength is double what it was one year ago. This, with other interesting figures was authentically disclosed to-day.

Excluding the Indian Army which is 150,000 strong, the Army in January, 1939, consisted of 600,000 men serving in the Regular, Territorial and Reserve forces. To-day the number is 1,250,000.

Immense as are the supplies of manpower available under the Compulsory Service Regulations, the increase in the year is only due in a smaller part to the classes called up, for it is pointed out that over 150,000 volunteers joined the Army since the outbreak of war, while little difficulty was experienced in completing territorial establishments.

The personnel of the latter rose by over 200,000 in the three years since 1936. These figures do not include the great increase in strength of the Empire Army nor take account of recruitment to the Colonial forces.

SOFIA CABINET CRISIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SOFIA, Feb. 15 (Dome).—The Bulgarian Government headed by M. G. Kiossevanoff, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, to-day resigned en bloc.

It is understood that the Cabinet, which has been steering a midway course between the pro-Soviet and the pro-Italian factions, has been forced to retreat due to the recent rise of pro-Soviet influence as a result of the conclusion of the commercial and aviation agreements with the Soviet Union.

Difference of Opinion

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to a Sofia dispatch, it is thought that the difference of opinion between the Prime Minister, M. Kiossevanoff, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Adrianov, regarding the candidature of deputies during the last Legislative elections led M. Kiossevanoff to resign.

Certain political circles in Sofia connect the crisis with the arrival there of M. Popoff, the Bulgarian Minister to Belgrade, who was summoned to Sofia by cable on Wednesday.

WE WON'T BOMB CIVILIANS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Chamberlain to-day repeated the Government's pledge not to bomb civilians deliberately.

He reiterated his statement made on September 14, 1939, in which he said that whatever the others might do the British Government would not resort to deliberate attacks on women, children and other civilians for the purpose of mere terrorism.

To this statement he had nothing further to add.

BAGS HIS 6TH BAG-SNATCHER

Said to have been responsible for the arrest of five other bag snatchers, Mr. P. J. Santos was congratulated by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning after he had arrested Wong Ng-tung, 34, in Nanking Street.

Sgt. Nolan said that Wong snatched the bag from Mrs. M. J. Rull while she was walking in Nanking Street yesterday. Ten dollars was found missing from the bag when it was recovered.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

FRANCE INTERNS 27 CZECHS

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Twenty-seven foreigners of Czech-Slovak origin have been sent to a concentration camp near Rambouillet on a charge of carrying on activities dangerous to the country.

They were employed in National Defence factories. It is stated that they refused to comply with a summons to serve in the Czech-Slovak Legion in France.

Finland Issues More Urgent Appeal For Aid

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It is pointed out here that although the Russians, as a result of almost two weeks pounding away with heavy loss of life and men, have captured a few outposts of the Mannerheim line they have another ten miles of tank traps, machine-gun posts and barricades to go through before they can hope to penetrate the line itself.

In an interview with the Press, M. Kallio, the President of Finland, made another appeal for foreign help.

He hoped that Finland's case might stimulate countries abroad to help her.

Nevertheless Finland would continue to fight, he said, with help or without help. "We are faced with the extinction of our nation," he said. "We must fight to the last."

In order to help relieve the pressure on the men at the front, the Finnish Government yesterday issued posters calling men of between 43 and 44 years of age to the colours. They must report.

Attacks Repulsed

The official communiqué issued to-day also states that in the Summa sector the Finnish troops have successfully defended all enemy attacks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the enemy attacked on several occasions but all the attacks were driven back.

The Finnish troops destroyed or captured about a hundred enemy units, principally comprising of provisions.

The Finnish coastal batteries on the Karelian Isthmus successfully repulsed all attempts by the enemy to break the ice and destroyed a considerable number of detachments.

The Finnish Air Force successfully attacked enemy troop concentrations and provision depots.

According to confirmed reports, 16 enemy planes were shot down and one bomber was forced down in Finnish territory.

Bastion Of Our Defence

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press this morning dealt with Finland.

The news that British subjects may enlist for service with the Finnish Army has been welcomed on all sides as just and wise.

Finland's urgent need for help was stressed by the "Times," "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald."

The "Times" says that the Soviets have concentrated on the Karelian Isthmus a force more than equal to the whole army available for the defence of all frontiers in Finland.

Although the Soviet losses so far have been 50 to one Finn, this cannot be maintained once the Finns try to recapture the fortified outposts which are now in enemy hands.

The Finns have only a small reserve to relieve the men fighting in the front lines.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that if the Finns can hold out during the next few vital weeks they may be able to gain breathing space to rest their troops and prepare for a big offensive.

If they get this breathing space, it must be turned to account by outside sympathisers.

Both the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" emphasise that the British must be the first to help Finland.

The "Times" says that any army sent to help a small country fighting for liberty cannot be complete without a substantial contingent of Britons.

The "Daily Mail" refutes the suggestion that help for Finland would dissipate our resources.

The Finns, fighting the battle of the century, may yet prove to be the vital bastion of our defence, it says.

Finnish Women's Appeal

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (UP).—"Let your husbands and sons come to our aid and help us fight victoriously for liberty, humanity and justice."

This was the appeal broadcast to the women of the world by fifteen female members of the Finnish Diet to-day.

They emphasised the Finnish love of peace and described the terror of the Soviet air raids.

"With quaking hearts we ask how long the world will allow this to continue. Must a small peace-loving nation fight alone to the bitter end against an enemy many times stronger?" they asked.

Finn Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (UP).—To-day's official communiqué from Finnish G.H.Q. claims that over a thousand Russian soldiers died in action during to-day's Red attacks on Muolanaajervi.

Thirteen tanks were destroyed. Two captured tanks were immediately manned by Finnish soldiers and were used against the Reds.

A severe battle continued throughout yesterday at Taipale, in the course of which the Finns repulsed wave after wave of Russian attacks.

In this area, the communiqué claims, the Reds sustained 2,000 casualties, bringing the total dead on the Karelian Isthmus to 3,500.

Activity on the Summa front is dying down after 14 days of incessant attack by the Russians.

Russian attacks across the ice in the Gulf of Finland were also repulsed.

Five hundred Russians were killed in a battle near Kuhmo.

During the day, sixteen Russian planes were shot down in raids in various parts of the country.

New Attacks Launched

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The intensity of the Russian onslaught against the Mannerheim Line increased further to-day when

German Reply To Republics

America Safety Zone Plan Rejected

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The German Government has replied to the Note of the 21 American republics regarding the formation of a 300 mile safety zone around America.

The German reply states that only if the British and French attitude were revised could Germany see any hope of discussing Zone Plan.

The Allies, it will be recalled, while approving the principle of the plan, asked for guarantees that enemy raiders and merchant ships should not be allowed to use the Zone as a shield to avoid legitimate capture.

The Germans now claim that this reply shows that the Allies are, from the very beginning, disposing of the fundamental idea of the security of the Zone.

Berlin also rejects the protest against action taken by Nazi warships. A protest was sent to Britain, France and Germany in connection with the Graf Spee battle off the River Plate, an action which, it was considered, was one imperilling the safety zone.

Germany is prepared to enter on a further exchange of views on the subject.

LABOUR SUPPORT FOR FINLAND

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—When the British Labour delegation, which had been visiting Finland, described its impressions before a meeting of the National Council of Labour here on Wednesday, it was decided to launch an appeal for funds for Finland.

The delegation paid warm tributes to the courage, energy and high spirits of the Finns and said that they were impressed by the military and political level attained and by the people's attachment to the principles of democracy.

The delegation stressed that the Finns were in urgent need of armaments, especially heavy guns and planes.

The information and impressions which they obtained will be placed before the British Government.

Almost Amounts To Highway Robbery

Two men, Pang Choi, 20, and Wong Sang, 24, were charged before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a silver pocket watch from Fung Ki-sang, 22, in a public latrine in Canal Road West, Wanchai, yesterday.

Defendants denied the offence, which the Police described as a crime bordering on highway robbery.

Sgt. Bentley said the men had interfered with Fung before he entered the latrine, and following him in they took the watch from him. The victim called out and was heard by a district watchman, who arrested both accused.

Defendants were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

thrusts along new lines were made, but the Finns appear to have stood firm everywhere and have inflicted astonishingly heavy losses on the invaders.

Fresh waves of Soviet troops were thrown against the Finns north of Summa over the ice of Lake Muolanaajervi and at Taipale.

The attack over the lake might have been serious if it had succeeded, for it would have brought the Russians to one of the main roads leading to Viipuri.

The Russians had to advance over the ice on the lake 10 miles wide without any cover against machine-gunning woods. Moreover, the ice is now covered with a layer of three to four feet of snow, in which the men floundered helplessly.

OCPU Shoots Soldiers

Many eye-witnesses report that Russian soldiers who refused to advance in the face of certain death were shot from behind by political agents.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns thwarted an attempt to take provisions to a marooned battalion.

Three Russian divisions are reported to be in difficulties in this region.

The Russians twice tried to rescue the Commander of the Thirteenth Army Corps. One plane, sent for this purpose, crashed through the ice of a small lake and disappeared.

A second plane landed by mistake behind the Finnish lines and both the aircraft and crew were captured.

Finns Forced To Withdraw

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—It was stated to-night that in the face of terrible Russian pressure on the Karelian Isthmus, Finnish troops have withdrawn from the first line positions in a number of points in the Summa sector.



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ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

President's Son Claims Desertion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (UP).—Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, has filed a suit for divorce in the Superior Court, alleging that his wife deserted him over a year ago.

He also petitioned the Court for "such other relief" as it might deem advisable to grant.

The complainant stated that he was married in Brooklyn, Massachusetts, on June 4, 1930 and that he had been separated from his wife since November 1, 1930.

There are two children of the marriage, Sara Delano aged 7 and Kate aged 4.

Mrs. Roosevelt, noted for brains, beauty and high standing in Massachusetts society, is the daughter of Dr. Harvey Cushing, a famous brain specialist.

She is believed to have a personal fortune of \$750,000.

Her husband, formerly his father's secretary at the White House, is now vice-President of the United Artists Corporation in Hollywood. He was associated with the production of "Wuthering Heights."

This To Seek Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, has filed a petition for divorce from his wife, Betty, a daughter of the late Dr. Harvey Williams Cushing, the internationally known brain specialist.

He is charging his wife with desertion.

The couple have two children, Sara Delano, aged 9, and Kate, aged 4. The marriage took place ten years ago.

If the action succeeds, James will be the third of the President's children to be divorced.

Mrs. James Roosevelt has announced that she will bring a cross action against her husband and added that it was agreed that she would have the custody of the children.

Obituary

Electrical Pioneer

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Colonel Rookes Evelyn Bell Crompton, "father of the electrical industry," aged 94.

He was the first to install electric lights in Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Holyrood Palace and in some of London's biggest buildings.

He did pioneer work at Mr. Churchill's request in 1915 in connection with the construction of landships which were the forerunners of to-day's tanks.

Colonel Crompton took out a corps of electrical engineers to the South African war.

Parking Offences

H. J. Tebbutt, of Messrs. Davies, Brooke and Gran, St. George's Buildings, was fined \$5 by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning for parking car No. 3054 in Chater Road for more than two hours on January 23.

F. Buckle, of the Education Department, was also fined \$5 for allowing car No. 3054 to remain stationary in Des Voeux Road Central near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for a period longer than necessary to allow a passenger to alight on January 20.

Japanese Airmen's "Suicide Dive"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—French sources here report that the Japanese bombing of the Halphong-Kunming Railway on Tuesday caused no damage and that the bridge was not hit.

Chinese circles, commenting on the Japanese report that a Japanese bomber made a "suicide dive" towards the bridge, point out that the machine crashed at Wenshan, or about 15 miles away from the bridge.

A Busy Day On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, oils and Kaffirs closed firmer on better support, but elsewhere the tone was irregular.

Textiles were well-bought on a reported shortage of stock. Rubber was firm on a better trade demand and a larger United States January consumption.

Tin eased owing to speculative profit-taking. Wall Street was irregular.

CONVERGING ON NANNING

Chinese Claim Now Kwangsi Advance

CHUNGKING, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Chinese claim that they are converging on Nanning in Kwangsi province after defeating the Japanese, forcing them to retreat through narrow food-hills after a battle in which Japanese casualties totalled 20,000.

Chinese losses are also considerable.

The Chinese also claim that artillery units shelled Japanese transports and warships on the Yangtze River, scoring a number of hits.

Prevalence Of Snatching

Valley Folks Are Victimised

The prevalence of snatching incidents in the districts about Leighton Hill Road and Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, was stressed by Inspector A. V. Baker at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he prosecuted U Wing-lok, 20, unemployed, for the theft of a woollen shawl valued at \$8 from a woman, Leung Su, 22, of 14 Dragon Terrace.

Inspector Baker said the woman was walking in Leighton Hill Road carrying the shawl when U approached, snatched it and ran away. He was pursued by a district watchman and caught near Ewo Hill Road.

U was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

Gestapo Murders Famed Pole

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—According to the Polish radio, Professor Ignacy Chrzanowski, who occupied the chair of Literature at the University of Cracow, has died in the notorious concentration camp of Oranienburg.

He is the eighth professor of the Cracow University to be killed by the Gestapo, added the announcer.

Fails To Report Arrival

Failure to report within 48 hours of his arrival from Manila on February 8 led to Sooran Topalinn, 29, an Aviation Company's representative, being fined \$10 by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

It was stated that Topalinn arrived by Clipper on February 8 but only reported himself yesterday.

Amazing Voyage By Germans

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that five German seamen have arrived safely in Germany after spending 74 days in a 20-foot life-boat off the West African coast.

They made their way from Boty, where they sheltered on the outbreak of war, to Las Palmas.

Fire In "Black-Out" Area In London

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—A large section of London's "black-out" area was lit up on Wednesday night when a fire broke out in a scrap metal storehouse.

Among the scrap metal was 50 tons of magnesium.

The flames could be seen for ten miles around Hounslow district.

King Visits New Shipping Building

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King discussed mercantile marine matters when he visited the new building of the Chamber of Shipping here to-day.

The King, who is a Master of the Merchant Navy, showed himself to be an expert in affairs of ships and men who sail the seas under "the red duster."

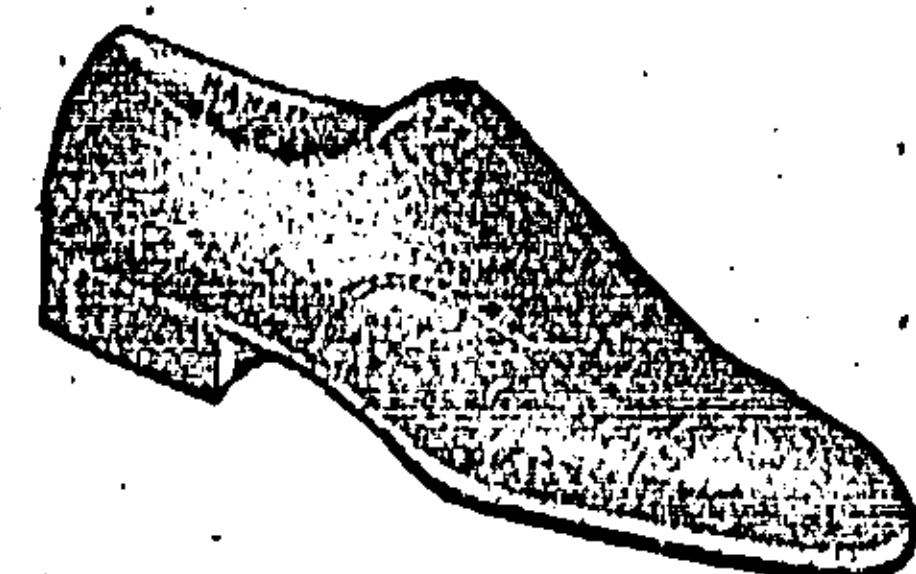
A book and a felt hat, valued at a total of \$21, left inside car No. 2070, belonging to Mr. G. W. Reeve, of 401 The Peak, were stolen yesterday when the car was parked in Queen's Road near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

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The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax of \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Timings will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

Lt. C. E. Otway Equals Season's Best Score With Aperture Sights

HIGHLIGHT of last Wednesday's Hongkong Rifle Association spoon and practice shoot at Kowloon City Range was Lt. C. E. Otway's performance in equalling the season's record for aperture sights by chalking up 101 on the board.

Over 80 members attended the meeting, weather conditions for which were very favourable at 200 yards where some high scores were made, including a possible by Sgt. G. E. Breese, of the Royal Naval Range Staff.

Cpl. F. Cole, of the Royal Naval Range Staff, came very close to Lt. Otway in the aperture sights class with a 98, while there were four other scores of 97.

Added interest to this meeting was the fact that two clubs, Royal Engineers and Royal Naval Range Staff, were firing out the final of the Beilios Shield, which was won by the latter.

The highest revolver score at 20 and 25 yards was secured by P. S. K. C. Ho, with 46 out of 60.

Firing next Wednesday at Kowloon City Range will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards, while there will also be revolver shooting.

Aperture Sights	Heap.	200	500	600	Tot.
Lt. C. E. Otway Ser.	34	34	33	101	
Cpl. F. Cole 1	32	33	33	98	
Sgt. R. E. Heap Ser.	32	33	33	98	
Cpl. S. G. Bright Ser.	32	33	33	98	
Lt. A. J. Le Seclieur Ser.	32	33	33	98	
Sgt. G. E. Breese 1	31	33	33	97	
Pte. C. Scott 1	31	33	33	97	
Lt. G. Dawson 1	31	33	33	97	
Cpl. W. C. Cooper Ser.	31	33	33	97	
Cpl. P. Hale Ser.	31	33	33	97	
Sgt. F. E. Russell Ser.	31	33	33	97	
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Sgt. F. E. Russell 3	31	33	33	97	
Sgt. (R) A. Chan 2	30	33	33	96	
W/M. W. Kifford Ser.	30	33	33	96	
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Lt. G. E. Breese 2	30	33	33	96	
Cpl. F. P. Sequeira Ser.	30	33	33	96	
Pte. (R) C. Ho 1	30	33	33	96	
Pte. S. Chanchal Singh 2	30	33	33	96	
Major S. White 2	29	33	33	95	
Lt. S. E. Purdon Ser.	29	33	33	95	
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Cpl. R. Langford Ser.	31	33	33	97	
Pte. (R) C. Ho 2	31	33	33	97	
Cpl. V. M. Hammond 1	31	33	33	97	
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R.S.M. F. Maslen 2	27	33	33	93	
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Pte. S. Chanchal Singh 3	23	33	33	89	
Mr. V. H. J. Merrett 7	23	33	33	89	
Mrs. S. Croft Ser.	23	33	33	89	
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Colony Soccer XI Leaves Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The Hongkong Inter-port football team sailed for Hongkong this morning after a nine-day stay in Shanghai.

Fanling Starting Times For The Week-end

The following starting times have been arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for the week-end:

To-morrow

OLD COURSE

2.03 Lieut. Carter, Pay. Lt. Jessemann.
2.12 N. J. Farquhar, P. C. Jackson.
2.43 L. A. B. Duncan, S. L. Lloyd.

Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.18 L. R. Andrews, F. D. Hunter.
9.29 J. P. Murphy, R. M. King.
9.40 J. E. Price, C. D. Walker.
9.51 N. J. Farquhar, P. C. Jackson.
10.02 W. L. Alexander, J. W. Mayhew.
10.13 S. H. Bodwell, K. S. Morrison.
10.24 J. A. Shaw, G. Thompson.
10.35 D. Forbes, J. A. D. Morrison.
10.46 A. E. Lisman, W. J. S. Key.
10.57 W. C. Sheehan, L. Jackson.
11.08 L. A. B. Duncan, A. H. Guinness.
11.19 A. Mabb, R. C. Gairdner.
11.30 H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.
11.41 W. C. Steele, Perkins, R. Puckle.
11.52 M. Pollard, P. A. M. Elliott.
12.03 R. J. E. Walker, G. Thompson.
12.14 G. Haynes, C. F. Marshall.
12.25 J. M. Pearson, R. H. de L. Leeching.
12.36 C. C. Black, C. C. Worrall.
12.47 R. B. Mac, D. C. Longraire.
12.58 R. T. Butler, H. A. Mills.
13.09 F. H. Penn, J. H. Collins.
13.20 P. E. Annis, S. B. Church.
13.31 A. N. Q. A. A. Macraiden.
13.42 C. C. Black, C. C. Worrall.
13.53 D. Evans, Col. Matheson.
14.04 A. D. Purves, T. Megarry.
14.15 W. C. Sheehan, L. Jackson.
14.26 H. Over, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
14.37 Major Mackenzie, J. C. Taylor.
14.48 M. Mabb, R. C. Gairdner.
14.59 W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.
15.10 D. H. Clark, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Cleave.

NEW COURSE

9.29 G. Ridgell, Carre, F. W. Chandler.
9.40 Mrs. Hillier, A. D. Murdoch.
9.51 S. C. Hillier, R. G. Parker.
10.02 J. C. Jensen, Miss Guthrie.
10.13 D. Lloyd, A. J. Murray.
10.24 L. M. S. & Mrs. Lloyd.
10.35 Miss Taylor, H. G. Enllin.
10.46 Mrs. Jensen, Miss Blackburn.
10.57 Major Giles, W. G. Macfarlane.
11.08 Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Robertson.
11.19 Mrs. Over, Mrs. Mackenzie.
11.30 Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

PROSPECTS FOR TO-MORROW

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have appeared on the cinder track and they are looking fit.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

(Third Section)

THE third section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes for Australian ponies of this season will close the first day's fun of the Annual Carnival.

Mint Julep, a descendant of Pacolet who sired the wonder Strathroy, is definitely not accepting, in fact not starting at all in any events as the chestnut mare is not in condition.

She was on the walking list during January, and the owners (Messrs. Shields and Stanton) have decided to give a miss to the big meeting.

Connifer, Far View, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Sea Jay, Sparrow and Vanity Fair should be well up at the finish.

Far View is my fancy to be followed by Flying Dutchman and Sea Jay.

RECORD

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day. His conformation and balance are perfect, and his rhythmic action is unsurpassed for an endurance contest and strain over 1½ miles.

BURFORD AND SATINLIGHT NOT UNDER RATED

IT is to be clearly understood that I am not attempting in any way to understate Burford, owned by Mr. C. B. Brown, or Satinlight belonging to Mr. Eric Moller, in fact I admit they are first class animals, but I made up my mind long ago, and I shall stick to my guns.

I am fully aware that Spiclight had a fast run of two minutes 32 seconds over the champion course, but those "riders in the stand," who were present, must acknowledge that the mare was rolling in the last quarter, and I certainly did not like her 31 seconds for the home stretch.

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Naval Heroes To Be Honoured

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—It is understood that a civic luncheon will be given to the officers and men of H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax at Mansion House next week.

Final arrangements have not yet been made but it is expected that active service and 17 died on active service.

R.A.F. Casualty List Issued

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters).—A communique from the Air Ministry reports that the latest Air Force casualties are nine killed in action, three missing believed killed in action, one died of wounds received in action, seven missing, 12 killed on active service.

LATE NEWS

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When the case opened this afternoon, Traffic Inspector Saunders entered the witness-box and said that at 4.45 p.m. on December 23 he was informed of the accident. He arrived on the scene shortly afterwards and saw car No. 3228 parked on the south side of the road. The left front mudguard, the running board and the front part of the left rear mudguard were damaged.

Parkinson's car, No. 556, was on the north side of the road lying partially on the foot path. It was badly damaged and there were blue paint marks from the car on a verandah pillar and the grill at a house door.

It appeared, said witness, that the car had crashed against the pillar and gate.

Witness described a narrow wheel mark seen on the roadway. He said that there was a slight cumber on the road opposite the Nethercole Hospital. The surface of the road is excellent and was, at the time he saw it, in a dry condition.

At 5.30 p.m. witness went to the hospital where he saw Parkinson.

"I spoke to him and asked how the accident occurred," said Traffic Inspector Saunders. "He replied 'I don't know.' I didn't get any satisfactory answer from him."

Witness then went on to explain that at 6 p.m. he went back to the scene of the accident and had the positions of both cars marked on the roadway in red paint.

He estimated that the speed of car No. 556 had been between 25 and 28 miles per hour.

On making a test in a similar car, Inspector Saunders found that he had not full control of the car when driven at 25 miles around the curve as travelled by defendant.

Continuing his evidence, Inspector Saunders said: "In my opinion the brakes were not applied. Had they been, the marks would have been heavier. The car would have to be travelling at a very high speed to make the marks of that length if the brakes had been applied. If the brakes of this car had been in a reasonably good condition, it should stop the car in 35 feet at a speed of 25 m.p.h. I think the brakes of this car were good. It was not an old car."

"I have formed the opinion that defendant accelerated to pass the bus, which was passing the main entrance of Nethercole Hospital. In doing so, he got on to the right centre of the road and the cumber there would be a little against him."

"He then swerved to the left in order to get a good view along Bonham Road."

"The view west before he started to turn would be partly obstructed by House No. 110."

"In turning to the left he would cause a small roll, that is a lateral force of weight to the right side of the car."

"He then noticed car No. 3228 and swerved to the right, the weight then being thrown to the left of the car causing the long mark I have described. He collided with car No. 3228 and was temporarily forced off the swerving course but the speed was such that it forced him back into

the original curve of his course.

"He then found he was going towards the houses and tried to correct himself by turning a little to the left at the point where this long mark ceases."

"I am of the opinion that defendant kept his foot on the accelerator the whole time. From the damage to the left side of car 3228 and from the corresponding damage to car 3228 together with the fact that the car did not stop until it crashed into the verandah pillar 85 feet away and rebounded 18 inches or more, I am of the opinion that the brakes were at no time applied."

Apart from the fact that the road was a controlled area with a speed regulation of 20 m.p.h., I am of the opinion that 25 m.p.h. was too fast for the car which defendant was driving. If the driver is competent and well experienced it would be fairly safe, but if the driver is incompetent it becomes highly dangerous."

Inspector Saunders continued: "At 12.45 p.m. on January 3 I charged defendant at the Central Police Station. He made the following statement, which he wrote himself: 'I am very sorry that the accident happened. It was inevitable and I am not guilty of this charge.'"

At this stage the Court adjourned for a slight recess.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (Reuters).— Capt. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions, received an unexpected welcome from the "Diggers" when he arrived here to-day.

He drove through the camps occupied by the Australian Expeditionary Force.

Subsequently, Capt. Eden told "Reuters": "Having seen these fine men, I would like to take a series of photographs of them, make them into picture postcards and send them to Hitler—they would spoil his breakfast!"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 16 (Reuters).— The Russians are now attacking on a wider front in the northern part of the Isthmus, where only the narrow Tjapale River now separates the two armies.

The Russians now attacking at Summa and Tjapale are of a much superior type to those whom the Finns originally opposed.

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters).— The wreckage of the Giorgio Olisen has been found off the east coast. Seventeen of the crew have been saved.

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